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'Abu Marzook can be extradited to Israel'

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

HAMAS political leader Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook can be extradited to Israel, a US judge ruled yesterday, saying there is reasonable cause to believe that he is connected to violence.

Abu Marzook has been fighting extradition since he was detained here last summer when he tried to enter the US.

Abu Marzook, 45, contends that he is the leader of the Hamas political bureau and that he has no control over the activities of the military wing. He has denied involvement in terrorist activities.

However, District Judge Kevin Duffy said, "There is more than sufficient evidence to show that Abu Marzook was a member of the conspiracy known as Hamas, and that the acts charged against him were foreseeable consequences of the conspiracy."

Stanley Cohen, Abu Marzook's lawyer, said he will appeal the ruling, a process that could take years. "For those people waiting to strike up the band in Tel Aviv, tell them to put the tubas away," he said. "This is just the first step."

Israel sought Abu Marzook's extradition in connection with bombings and stabbings carried out between 1990 and 1994. Israel also contends that Abu Marzook was a fund-raiser for Hamas.

In a 65-page opinion, Duffy ruled that Israel had the right to have Abu Marzook extradited and that it had established probable cause.

"Israel need only to show that Abu Marzook was involved in an agreement to accomplish an unlawful act, and that the charged incidents were reasonable foreseeable consequences of the conspiracy," Duffy said.

Abu Marzook had tried to present witnesses to show that he was involved only in political matters and also to bolster his contention that Israel was seeking him for political charges, which are not extraditable offenses.

However, Duffy said, the so-called political-offense exception did not apply.

"The charges leveled by Israel clearly bring this matter outside the realm of the political offense exception," he said. "The bombing of buses laden with civilians and other types of attacks targeted at civilians do not advance any political motive other than as terrorists acts."

These crimes, he wrote, are "abhorrent to human nature."

A Hamas leader in Gaza condemned the decision as "criminal."

"This, as a minimum, can be described as criminal act, and it has political and election dimensions for both [US President Bill] Clinton and [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres," Snyed Abu Musleh told Reuters.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's adviser Nabil Abu Rdainah told Reuters the PA has always opposed Abu Marzook's extradition.

"If he is extradited, he should be handed over to the Palestinian Authority and not to Israel," Abu Rdainah said.

Wissotsky loses tea monopoly

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

MINISTER of Industry and Trade Micha Harish may have had his day as a politician, but he will forever be inscribed in the history books as the man who, like the revolutionaries that led the 1773 Boston Tea Party, changed the face of the local tea trade.

After nine months of political wrangling, Harish succeeded in canceling the decree that until now has allowed Wissotsky Tea to maintain a local monopoly. *Lim* reported yesterday.

That decree - a demonstration of the always bizarre and sometimes corrupt Israeli system of favoritism - purposely kept Lipton and Tetley out of the local market,



Likud-Tsomet-Gesher list candidates (left to right) Limor Livnat, Dan Meridor, Ya'acov Bardugo, and Nehama Romem view the opening of their TV election campaign in the Neveh Ilan studios last night. (Isaac Harari)

Television election campaign ads disappoint on opening night

SARAH HONIG and MICHAL YUDELMAN

EVEN the leaders of the large parties admitted last night's launching of the TV campaign was a letdown, with little sparkle, almost no punch, and very little combative spirit.

At Labor and Likud headquarters, the explanation was identical: both sides had chosen to appear moderate the first night. Things will pick up in the coming nights, it was promised. The parties will remove their gloves and begin responding to the other side's needling. However, such promises might be too late to attract viewers, who might switch to other attractions in view of last night's dull offerings.

Labor put on a sentimental youth culture show. The Likud recruited its big guns and disenchanted Laborites and aimed sarcastic barbs at Labor. Meretz explained why Shimon Peres should be supported, not Labor. She gave us the impression of kabbalist Rahhi Kadouri hissing its voters without actually violating the law, and the NRP revived its haggadic theme song of four years ago, with a lot of soldiers, settlers, and unabashed messianic cantation.

Meanwhile, Labor vowed to begin attacking the Likud, "if need be below the belt," according to information campaign chief Haim Ramon.

Labor's campaign directors expressed satisfaction with the party's first night broadcasts, and more than one admitted that "this is the first time that on the first night's broadcasts we're not dismayed by the Likud's clips."

The directors, who watched the broadcasts



together in the party's Tel Aviv studio, said they were moved and excited by Labor's clips, which they said conveyed a feeling of hope, vision, and faith in a better future.

They also agreed that the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was effectively portrayed as the one who embarked on the course of peace, and that this government was continuing on his way.

Ramon said the Likud's massive repetition of certain clips, such as the one showing Peres together with Arafat and others, constitutes "an attempt at brainwashing" which reminded him of "other regimes, in other times, which he preferred not to elaborate on."

The directors of Labor's campaign scoffed at Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu's "pose" in an office resembling the White House's Oval Office. Avraham Burg, the head of Labor's response team, said the only thing missing from the scene was Hillary Clinton.

Labor's directors congratulated Likud MKs Dan Meridor and David Levy, who appeared briefly in that party's clips, for having "finally emerged from the closet."

Peres was shown talking to very clean-cut teens, who appeared to be drinking in his

words. He reminisced nostalgically about his idyllic partnership with Rabin, and then returned to the assassination. Next he was shown surrounded by the teens who hugged, kissed, and serenaded him with lyrics saying: "Don't compromise, watch over yourself, we're behind you."

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak hawkishly promised "negotiations conducted with intelligence and not under the pressure of time, and not at any price."

The Likud's spots all began with a white dove flying skywards. Netanyahu then argued that "the Peres option has been tried and it failed. We have no peace and no security. People are afraid to ride the buses... There is a feeling that the next terrorist outrage may take place at any time... We will negotiate responsibly for true security and a non-illusory peace which will last."

This same message was reinforced by Meridor, Levy and Yitzhak Mordechai.

Meretz took on Labor in its two spots. Yossi Sarid said that "Barak sounds like Bih. They are blurring their message. But we think you should be told the truth - there will be a Palestinian state, most settlements, including the one in Hebron, will be dismantled and we will withdraw from the Golan."

Pretty girls with earphones sang the "Song for Peace" with a Mideast flavor, and the voters were told to support Peres, but don't vote for Labor, "because Barak will bring his hawkish friends, who will bring their friends."

The long list of friends ended with the Council of Torah Sages.

Arafat refuses to name his new cabinet

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat delayed the planned appointment of a new cabinet yesterday, as a session of the Palestinian Council degenerated into acrimony between the PLO leader and lawmakers rankled by his arrogant behavior.

"I have not yet finished my consultations," Arafat testily informed the 88 legislators who gathered in Gaza to hear the nominations. "Perhaps I will finish this afternoon, or perhaps the consultations will never be finished."

Council Speaker Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala) tried to mollify the startled legislators by predicting the cabinet would be named today. But Arafat appeared to ridicule that idea. "It seems you know the secrets," he told Qreia.

Council members, who will comprise most of the cabinet, pressed Arafat for hints.

"You can tell us what are the criteria, what are the general concepts for naming members," suggested Marwan Kanafani, a former Arafat spokesman.

"It is not your business," Arafat snapped.

He explained that his status is

beyond that of a mere prime minister, "who would form a cabinet and present it to you for approval... I am the president of Palestine. It is only my own responsibility to name the cabinet members."

According to the council by-laws, however, Arafat does need the council's approval for his cabinet members. Still, Palestinian officials have suggested they consider the council to be, in effect, a rubber stamp on this issue.

Qreia again tried to mediate, suggesting the council should participate in "general consultations" on the cabinet. When that failed to calm spirits, Qreia gave up. "Let us skip this issue," he sighed.

But Arafat himself then objected to the next item on the agenda - whether to broadcast council sessions on Palestinian TV. He said Qreia, as speaker,

must decide for himself and not submit the issue to a vote.

"The media is not an issue of democracy," Arafat said.

Legislator Haider Abdel-Shafi objected to Arafat's attitude.

"Why does the president give himself the right to interrupt? You are a member in the council. You have no right to keep interrupting, the law must be respected," said Abdel-Shafi, who in 1991 led the Palestinian delegation in talks with Israel.

"I am not a member," Arafat shot back. "Do not humiliate the presidency."

Abdel-Shafi produced a copy of the council bylaws and read out triumphantly: "The head of the Palestinian Authority is a [council] member."

In the end, the council voted unanimously to allow coverage. (AP)

Peres will renew Frenkel's appointment

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres has decided to appoint Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel for another five-year term. Peres's aides said yesterday.

Frenkel's term is due to expire in July.

It is unclear to what extent Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who recently told *The Jerusalem Post* that the next governor should be appointed by the winner of this

month's elections, knew in advance of Peres's decision.

Frenkel's reappointment is both a personal a vote of confidence in an expert who frequently locked horns with adversaries in the business and political communities, and an endorsement of the monetarist orthodoxy he advocates.

Israel, US reject UN Kana report

MARILYN HENRY, HILLEL KUTTLER, and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL and the US yesterday firmly rejected UN suggestions that Israel deliberately shelled a UN camp at Kana in south Lebanon where more than 91 civilians died.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres called the UN report "one-sided," while State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said it made no mention of Hizbullah's tactic of using civilians to shield its Katyusha rocket launchers.

James Rubin, spokesman for the US mission to the UN, said Ambassador Madeleine Albright was disturbed that the report "chose to draw unjustified conclusions about this incident that can only divide and polarize the environment."

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak phoned Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and complained that the finding was "absurd."

"I believe that even the Lebanese know very well that there is no way that Israel did it intentionally," Barak told reporters in Washington. "The ultimate responsibility, we believe, is still with Hizbullah, which used the UN installation to cover the shooting." Barak later told Israeli reporters that he relies "100 percent" on the IDF's investigation into the tragedy, which he said "reflects the reality" of what occurred.

He reiterated to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, during their 45-minute meeting, that Israel "did not intentionally fire on the refugees at Kana," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

For the second straight day, Burns utilized the daily briefing to criticize the UN report, calling it "unfortunate" that there has been "Monday morning quarterbacking of this incident," and stressing that the investigation did not examine Hizbullah's role in the recent strife.

"I think they give the appearance of being more interested in pointing a finger than in creating a climate of peace and stability in the region," Burns said. "I mean, frankly, they look at the incident, which had several actors. They isolate one of the actors, totally forget about another actor - in fact, the group that fired the rockets that attracted the Israeli fire. It just seems a little one-sided to us."

Barak said that he thanked Christopher for the "clear position" on the matter articulated at the UN by Albright. "I find it very difficult to find a relationship between the data and the conclusion," said Acting UN Ambassador David Peleg.

The UN spokesman offered a spirited defense of Boutros-Ghali and the report. "The report is balanced and objective. The facts speak for themselves," spokesman Sylvanna Foa said, adding that criticism from all sides proved the report's objectivity.

The report, by Maj.-Gen. Frank van Kappen of the Nether-

lands, said it was unlikely that the April 18 attack on the UNIFIL base at Kana was accidental. However, van Kappen said, human and procedural error "cannot be ruled out completely."

"The intent of the report was not to embarrass or accuse any member state. We didn't go out there to point fingers," Foa said.

In another attempt to deflate UN claims the IDF may have deliberately attacked the base, the army released video footage taken by a drone as proof it arrived only after the bombardment.

According to the army, it arrived about 14 minutes after the last shells hit. The first view of Kana in the videotape, which military reporters were told came from the drone, showed smoke billowing out of the compound.

This, the army said, proves that the drone was not over the site at the time of the shelling and could not have helped target it for the artillery.

"There was no drone before the shelling or during the shelling. It arrived only after the shelling, when we in the Northern Command understood there was a terrible incident and sent the drone to the area," said Lt.-Col. B., head of the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) unit.

He showed four minutes of the four-hour video recording. He said weather conditions were very bad and the UAV was extremely limited. While much of the video was blocked by heavy cloud cover, the camera at times managed to show great detail of the base. Since it was mere minutes from the attack, little movement was seen and the evacuation had not yet begun.

The IDF shelling of the base ended about 2:12. Lt.-Col. B. said the drone arrived over the area about 2:17 and only succeeded focusing on Kana at 2:27. It remained in the area until 2:45.

He said the drone was looking for Katyushas and seeking other data over Tyre and other villages in south Lebanon, when the command center ordered it to proceed to Kana, since "something happened." He acknowledged that the video recording taken by a UN soldier was very likely of the IDF drone, which was 1,500 meters-2,000 meters away.

"This condition could only have happened a long time after the shelling of the base. Long is minutes and not days," he said.

IDF Spokesman Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad said the video was not shared with Van Kappen, "because it was irrelevant." "We never hid anything. The fact is, this drone arrived after the event and was therefore not relevant to the investigation," he said.

Meanwhile, Lebanon urged the Security Council yesterday to condemn Israel for the Kana incident. "Lebanon is asking the council to condemn Israel for its crime it has committed against the Lebanese people and the UN compound," Lebanese Ambassador Samir Mounharak told reporters. "We hope the council will take swift action in this regard."

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY INAUGURATION OF THE FUND FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PANEL DISCUSSION: Israeli Elections 1996 - A Turning Point? Moderator: Professor Arie Nadler Dean, Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences Lectures by: Professor Ephraim Yuchtman-Yaar Professor Akiba Cohen Professor Michal Shamir on Tuesday, 14 May 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at the Marcelle Gordon University Club Tel Aviv University Campus, Ramat Aviv The public is invited



Mubarak: Undivided capital 'election rhetoric'

CAIRO (AP) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday that he believed Israeli insistence on keeping full sovereignty over Jerusalem was "election rhetoric."

Mubarak, who spoke with reporters after meeting King Hussein, said statements that east Jerusalem could never be returned to the Palestinians were "one-upmanship between [Israel's] parties" and added: "Jerusalem is important to all Islamic and Christian countries."

Mubarak and Hussein both emphasized that the Muslim world was watching closely how the two sides would resolve the issue of Jerusalem.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdel-Karim Kabarini, who accompanied the king, said the two leaders would be joined by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Cairo on Sunday for a mini-summit.

Egyptian newspapers have reported that the three were working to coordinate their moves in the Middle East peace process.

Mubarak noted that serious Israeli-Palestinian negotiations likely would await the outcome of

the May 29 elections. "However, I am confident that the Palestinian track will move ... particularly after the elections," Mubarak said. "The negotiations will continue because that is the only way to peace."

King Hussein said of Jerusalem as a religious center that "it is a holy city and must not submit to the sovereignty of any party ... so that it can be for all religions."

He described east Jerusalem as "occupied" and said it should be resolved in the negotiations.

In response to questions at a joint news conference, Mubarak and Hussein declined to join in an Arab campaign against US support for Israel.

"I cannot say that the United States is not a fair partner. The circumstances are completely different now. There are elections here and there but I can say that the United States is a very important partner in the peace process," Mubarak said.

King Hussein said the Palestinians and other Arabs had in the past failed to reach out to international public opinion; leaving the field open to Israel.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres chats with a World War II veteran at a ceremony marking V-E Day at Yad Vashem yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

World War II vets mark V-E Day at Yad Vashem

SOME 3,000 World War II veterans gathered yesterday for a colorful state ceremony at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem to mark V-E Day.

Veterans of the Red Army, in green berets and uniforms weighed down by medals, stood alongside the Jewish Brigade veterans in triangular hats to form an honor guard at the Fighters' Monument. The monument commemorates the bravery of one and a half million Jewish fighters in the Allied and Red armies, the resistance and partisan movements, the Brigade and others.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who

BATSHEVA TSUR

addressed the gathering, noted that V-E Day, which marks the allied victory over Nazi Germany, has been declared an official day of state ceremonies and will be an optional work holiday as of next year.

"On this day, we salute those fighters who rescued the entire world from darkness," Peres said. "Every soldier who fought against Nazism was an emissary and a savior... Even when the Jewish people did not have a sovereign state, its place was not left empty among

the ranks."

Following a memorial service, the national flag was raised and the IDF orchestra played nostalgic music of the period as the veterans joined the vocalists with gusto.

Wreaths were laid at the monument by the military attaches of the countries which fought against Germany. Delegations from fighters' and partisans' movements also placed wreaths at the monument as did representatives of the Righteous Among the Nations, the Second Generation of Holocaust victims, the IDF, the government and Yad Vashem.

Gillon: GSS's hands are being tied

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISLAMIC terrorism is based on a fanaticism which can only be quelled through harsh measures, and the state is crippling the General Security Service's war on terror by restricting its methods, former GSS head Karmi Gillon said yesterday.

In his first public lecture since resigning, Gillon said terrorists should not enjoy the protection of the laws of a state they seek to destroy.

"We have to make it clear that Islamic terror is particularly barbaric. The goal of the terrorists is to negate the right of a full life of the citizens of the state. Groups who have this kind of goal have no moral right to demand that the state treat them with the rights of its citizens," he said.

Speaking at a symposium at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, Gillon said: "Usually, the tendency is to come to a comparative line between the State of Israel and other nations when it comes to settling a problem. But modern terrorism in other nations is directed against a government and does not, like the Hamas and Islamic Jihad, deteriorate to liquidating a people."

But he also stressed that it was important for the GSS to be supervised.

"It is important to ensure that adequate tools are given in the fight against terror and, at the same time, ensure supervision of the use of them."

Gillon said the supervision should come from the government, Knesset, and state comptroller.

"The conventional weapon of a democratic state, i.e. the law, can cope with criminal delinquency, but not with ideological delinquency," he said. "Certainly, it is not enough to deal with ideological, religious, or fanatical terror like that of Hamas."

Gillon named the three main measures used to fight terrorism as information gathering, interrogation of suspects, and administrative actions, like house demolitions and deportations.

He said the interim special permission given by the government, which allows the GSS to use tough methods, including violent shaking, when interrogating Islamic militants suspected of plotting attacks is not enough.

Gillon also extended veiled praise to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat for his crackdown on terrorists.

"We ruled Gaza for years, and we never dared take the steps Arafat has been taking against Hamas religious institutions," he said.

Christopher, Barak hold strategic cooperation talks

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

SECRETARY of State Warren Christopher and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak yesterday held the first planning meeting on strengthening strategic cooperation.

They agreed to oversee two mid-level working groups handling security and other issues, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters. The discussions are provided for under the counter-terrorism accord signed at the White House

last week by President Clinton and Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Barak later told Israeli reporters that the working groups "on a wide rainbow" of matters would begin meeting in the coming weeks and that the groups' composition would be announced in the next few days.

Formalizing their defense relationship is only one possible out

growth of the talks, Christopher said prior to meeting with German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel. "There will be an exploration of various options which would strengthen our security relationship with Israel. [A defense pact] is only one of the options. ... It's a very deep relationship which has many facets and I think it is quite customary for us to be

exploring that in the context of new threats to security," he said.

Barak and Christopher also discussed the five-nation panel that will monitor the cease-fire agreement in Lebanon. While the discussion dealt with such matters as the monitoring group's format, operation and procedures, Barak refused to elaborate, saying that details will be coordinated when representatives of Israel, Syria, Lebanon, France and the US hold their opening meeting here Friday.

ARRIVALS

For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University: From Mexico: Alicia and Isaac Bacal for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship; Alex and Eitan Soriano; Ricardo Bacal; Marcos Maus, for the awarding of the Ceila and Marcos Maus Prize in computer sciences; Teodoro Maus and Fly to the Teodoro Maus Lecture. From Venezuela: Samuel Zibner Y Sa, for the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall; Maria E. Benjamin, for the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall; Sofia Korda, for the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall.

Israel, Jordan discuss plans for \$10 million Yarmuk dam

DAVID RUDGE

WATER Commissioner Gideon Tsur is to visit Amman today to meet his Jordanian counterpart to discuss plans for a \$10 million dam and catchment reservoir project along the Yarmuk River, not far from Hamat Gader.

The aim of the project, which Jordan has volunteered to fund, is to stop flood waters, and divert them into a reservoir.

Normally the water would continue flowing down the Yarmuk to the Jordan River and eventually into the Dead Sea. The reservoir is slated to have a capacity for holding up to three million cubic meters of water which would help to boost Jordan's depleted water resources.

A spokesperson for the Water Commissioner's office said Jordan had taken upon itself to fund the project because it would be

the sole beneficiary of the increased water supplies.

Tsur said this would help increase Jordan's water resources by as much as 20 million cubic meters a year, in addition to the 30 million cubic meters of water a year that Israel pledged to supply to Jordan from the Kinneret under the water agreement between the two countries. It was also agreed to supply Jordan with a further 100 million cm. by the establishment of more reservoirs and desalination plants.

Tsur, in his visit to Amman, intends to raise the matter of new wells being drilled for the use of Israeli farmers in Jordanian areas of the Arava. This was also agreed upon in the water accords but has not yet been implemented. The wells are slated to supply 10 million cubic meters of water a year.

IDF captain court-martialed for media leak

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF court-martialed a captain in the Judea and Samaria Command suspected of leaking classified information to an Israeli Radio reporter, and gave him a 28-day suspended sentence for "not following instructions," the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

The captain, identified as Eyal Ziv, gave the information to Israeli Radio reporter Yoni Ben-Menachem. The court apparently used evidence gleaned from the confiscation of Ben-Menachem's cellular phone records to convict Ziv.

The army said Ziv violated orders barring contact with journalists when he leaked information about his work. Ben-Menachem covers Palestinian affairs.

Ziv's court-martial was held last week, but the IDF Spokesman only yesterday confirmed that he was convicted and sentenced by a senior officer.

The IDF came under heavy criticism after it was learned the Military Police obtained telephone records of journalists in an attempt to plug leaks. A lieutenant-colonel is also being court-martialed over the affair.

Arab writers coming for culture month

DAVID RUDGE

LEADING writers from Arab countries, including some which do not have official ties with Israel, are expected to visit here to participate in events connected with "Arab Book and Culture Month."

Organizers said that so far there had been no cancellations among those scheduled to take part in two international conferences later this month - one for authors and writers from Arab countries and Israel and the other relating to the written and electronic media.

They said representatives from Yemen, Oman and other countries are expected to attend, as well as writers and journalists from Egypt, Jordan and Morocco.

Hundreds of events are slated during the month-long event which started earlier this week with the opening of the traditional annual Arab book fair at the Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish center in Haifa. More than 300,000 books and publications are on display from all Arab countries, including Iraq, Syria, Libya, Sudan, Lebanon, Tunisia, Kuwait and others.

The books and publications cover the whole spectrum of topics, from heritage and religion, sport, classic and modern literature, to science, technology and computers.

Other events scheduled include a special evening of live music at the Nazareth Culture Center tonight, a festival of one-person plays at Beit Hagefen and a series of plays that will be staged in the Druze village of Beit Jann.

A UN-sponsored exhibition of paintings and sculptures entitled "Peace, Coexistence and Tolerance," will be on display at Beit Hagefen.

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Jordanian who named son 'Rabin' wants to settle here

A JORDANIAN farm worker who lost his job after naming his son Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he hoped to start a new life here.

Rajaei Said Namasi, 40, said he was visiting Israel, but was thinking of looking for a job and staying for good.

Namasi said it was hard for him to find work in Jordan because of the publicity surrounding his decision to name his firstborn son after Rabin.

"No one would give me a job," said Namasi who arrived in Israel 10 days ago, along with his wife Maryam and their infant son, and is staying with relatives in the Israeli Arab town of Kfar Masr.

Namasi's son was born on January 26. Namasi said his employer at a farm in Amman told him the next day he could no longer work there.

Asked why he had decided to come here, Namasi said: "Because I like Israel. If I didn't, I wouldn't have caused all the trouble for myself and named my son Yitzhak Rabin." (AP)

Netanyahu to Clinton: Free Pollard

THE desire to see Jonathan Pollard free is shared by all Israelis regardless of their politics, Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu wrote US President Bill Clinton, urging him to pardon Pollard.

The letter to Clinton was given yesterday to US Ambassador Martin Indyk, who met with Netanyahu at the Likud offices in Neveh Dan. Netanyahu notes that "Pollard has now served 10 years" of his life sentence for espionage, "and he has also become a citizen of the State of Israel. The Israeli press has reported that you have considered pardoning Mr. Pollard in recent years, but that you have reservations concerning the conduct of some of his relatives and supporters. If these reports are true, I urge you to put aside such considerations." Sarah Honig

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother **DORA S. SCHAPIRO** née Kruskal wife of the late Joshua J. Schapiro The funeral will take place today, Thursday, Iyar 20, 5756 (May 9, 1996), at Har Tamir (Har Hamenuhot), Jerusalem, following the arrival of flight LY014 at approximately 5 p.m. For further details, call 02-663605, 050-377189. Walter Schapiro Ellen and Herbert Kahn Tobl and Ann Schapiro Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

MINISTRY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE TRANSFER OF THE KLITEX COMPUTER SYSTEM The running of the Klitex computer system, developed and set up by the Ministry of Arts and Science to provide a link-up between immigrant scientists and engineers and potential employers, has been transferred to the municipal absorption authority of the Jerusalem Municipality, as of May 1996. Immigrant scientists and engineers from all over the country, as well as employers and industrialists who would like information on scientists and engineers and are interested in registering in the system, should apply in writing or by phone to: Vadim Maniker, employment coordinator, Municipal Immigrant Absorption Center, 8 Rehov Hahavatzet, Jerusalem 94224, Tel. 02-245522, Fax. 02-245320.

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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY INAUGURATION OF THE LILIAN AND MARCEL POLLAK CHAIR IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY Lecture: Professor Baruch Arensburg Incumbent of the Chair Israel Prehistoric Remains and their Place in Human Evolution on Monday, 13 May 1996 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marcelle Gerson University Club Tel Aviv University Campus, Ramat Aviv The public is invited.

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UTJ launches anti-Labor campaign

HERB KEINON

WHILE the country's leading haredi rabbis have yet to issue directives to their followers on who to vote for in the prime ministerial race, the tone of United Torah Judaism's ad campaign has — as a result of Binyamin Ben-Eliezer's statement about "settling accounts with the haredim" — turned decidedly hostile to the government.

The haredi dailies *Hamodi'a* and *Yated Ne'eman* ran an advertisement yesterday that featured a newspaper headline that read, "The head of Labor's campaign, Ben-Eliezer: 'We will settle accounts with the haredim after the elections.'"

The ad read, "A roof over one's head is a fundamental right for everyone. A government that conditions an apartment on votes has only one thing to do: Go. We will strengthen the Torah Judaism camp so no one will settle accounts with us."

The ad ends with United Torah Judaism's campaign slogan: "Vote UTJ: Rescue Israel from their hands."

Even though the rabbis have not yet issued directives on how to vote, a *Yediot Aharonot* poll published yesterday indicated that Binyamin Netanyahu will win 63 percent of the haredi vote, while Peres will only garner six percent. Another 12% said they had not yet decided, or will do what their rabbis tell them, while six percent said they will not vote. Thirteen percent refused to answer the question.

The poll also found that 16% of the haredim will vote for the Likud, the same percentage who said they will vote for Shas. Another 6% said they will vote for the National Religious Party, 3% for Labor, and 2% for Moledet. Forty percent of the haredim said they will vote for UTJ.

The Dahaf poll was conducted on Sunday among 402 people who characterized themselves as haredim. The number of haredi voters in the country has been estimated at about 250,000.

The percentage of haredim who have said they will vote for non-haredi parties is a major concern for UTJ, and getting these voters back into the fold is a major part of the UTJ campaign.

In Sunday's call by many of the country's leading hassidic rabbis and yeshiva heads, the rabbis wrote: "It is a holy obligation to take part in the elections to the Knesset and vote for United Torah Judaism, and anyone who doesn't do this strengthens the other side, God forbid."

The rabbis also stressed that UTJ is the "only" list, and they are calling and obliging people to vote for the party which "contains everything inside it."

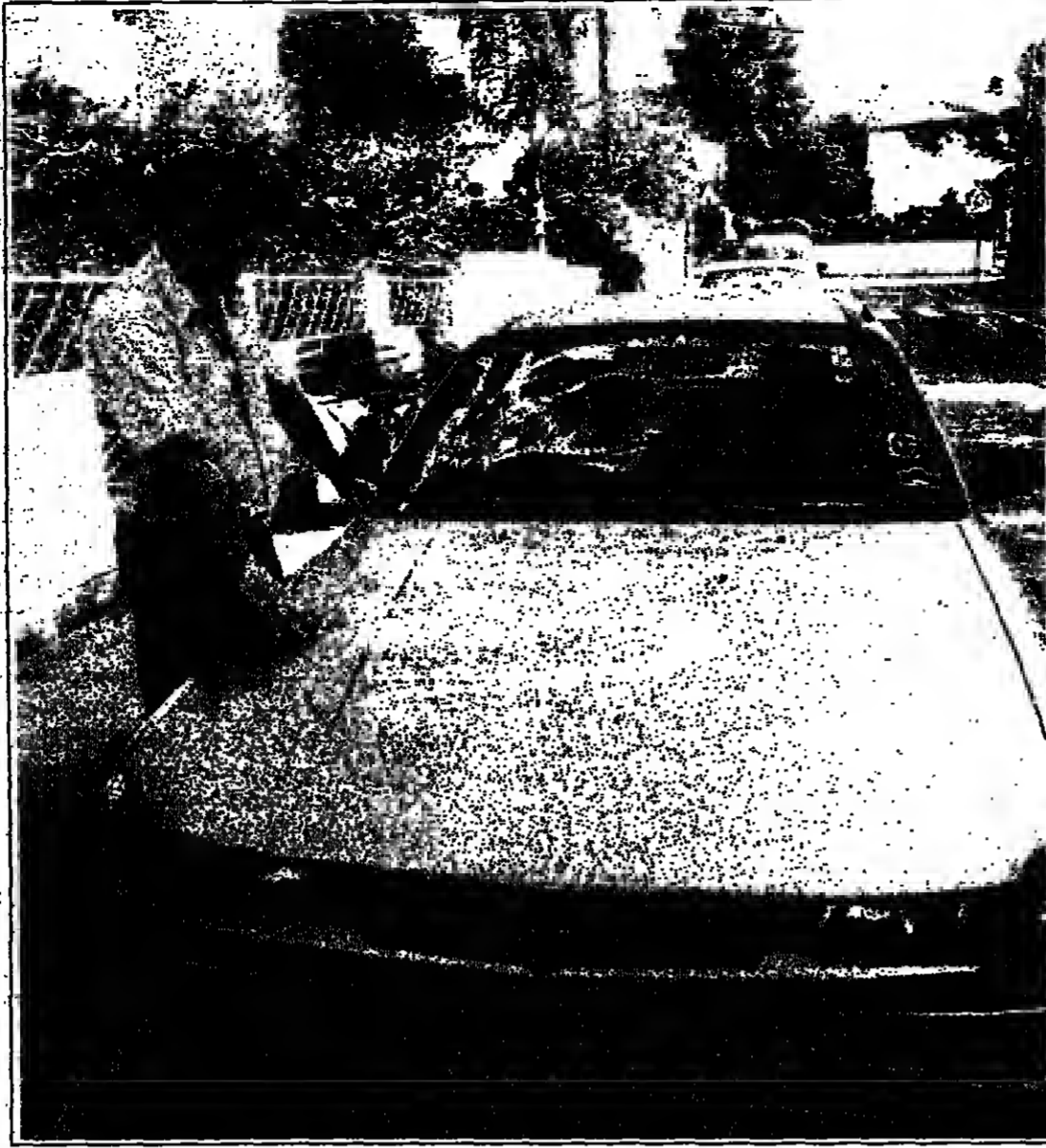
Agudat Yisrael's *Hamodi'a* ran a front page article yesterday warning "depressing" the "recent phenomenon where people with a haredi appearance have been seen at rallies for secular parties." The newspaper wrote that the rabbis words are intended for those "who are not deterred, and are not ashamed, about actively helping the other side."

Youth gets 16 years for murdering friend

An 18-year-old resident of Kfar Gvirol, near Rehovot, was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment yesterday by Tel Aviv District Court for murdering his friend, Amit Molcho, 16, last June.

As part of a plea bargain, charges of belonging to a satanic cult were dropped. The court recommended that the suspect seek help for his emotional problems, and noted his difficult childhood and the fact that he had been thrown out of his home.

The accused stabbed Molcho repeatedly during a fight after he accused Molcho of stealing his bicycle. He told the court: "I did a very stupid thing... my whole life has gone down the drain because of it."



NRP information campaign head Nahum Langenthal stands next to his car which was spray-painted by vandals near his home in Givat Shmuel yesterday. (IPPA)

Shahal appoints team to probe settlers' activities in Tel Aviv

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR campaign organization director Moshe Shahal yesterday appointed a team of legal advisers to look into the activities of some 500 settlers campaigning for the Likud in Tel Aviv.

Deputy Minister Eli Ben-Menahem told Shahal that hundreds of settlers are engaged in various Likud campaign activities in the city's southern neighborhoods. Shahal said the attorneys will find out who is financing these activities, and whether they are legal.

The attorneys, all of whom are volunteers, are part of a team of 40 legal advisers whom Shahal recruited to supervise Labor's campaign and organization activities and ensure they are all within legal and budgetary limits.

They are also looking into incidents in which Labor activists were allegedly attacked and on occasion beaten up by armed right-wing groups. The activists are usually attacked during outdoor activity, such as putting up party posters or handing out stickers at intersections.

Labor will use 50,000 activists on election day, 20,000 of whom will sit at the 6,900 polling stations, and 30,000 who will help transport Labor supporters to the polls.

Labor's election day budget is NIS 5 million, while the cost of activities up to election day is estimated at NIS 6m., Shahal said on Tuesday.

Shahal, who is also election day staff director, said Labor has worked out a special on-line computer program to trace groups of voters who are more likely to support Shimon Peres in large numbers.

These supposed Labor supporters are being located from among 700,000 eligible voters comprising past and present Labor members, 450,000 first-time voters, 600,000 pensioners, and 490,000 new immigrants.

The larger the voting rate among these groups, the greater Peres's advantage will be, it is assumed in Labor.

Shahal said the party is also focusing on increasing the voting rate among 420,000 Arab and Druse registered voters.

The organization staff has sent all potential voters personal let-

ters urging them to vote. On election day, staff members will check who has already voted and which voters need encouragement to do so.

Campaign ads ignore the old and the ugly

CAMPAIGN WATCH

HERB KEINON



JUDGING from the first round of the campaign advertisements aired last night, one of the parties is particularly concerned about how the country's old or ugly are going to vote.

Maybe the major parties conducted surveys and found that the crucial floating vote consists only of good-looking young people. For good-looking young people pretty much dominated the advertisements.

The good-looking young people love Peres. The good-looking young people love Bibi. The good-looking young people with kippot love the National Religious Party. The good-looking Sephardi young people love Shas. And the really good-looking young people love Meretz.

The hidden message: if you're young and beautiful, vote for me. If you're old and homely, you must be supporting the other guy.

During the 30 minutes of broadcast, there were dozens of images of your average Israeli. But only three or four of them were over 60.

The oldest person in the clips was Peres, but he was always surrounded by the bold and the beautiful.

The only new thing about Peres that could be gleaned from last night's broadcast was that in the last few months he has kissed a lot of young girls. You'd think he was a regular Bill Clinton. Every other clip he was hugging this one, kissing that one. And when he wasn't hugging or kissing some young thing, he was — as Likud showed us again and again — holding hands with Arafat.

For weeks the big news of the

slow campaign was whether in the televised advertisements Labor would rest on Yitzhak Rabin's laurels, whether the Likud would attack Peres, and whether Labor would attack Netanyahu.

The answer to the first question is a resounding yes. For the first couple of minutes of Labor's opening clip, Peres seemed little more than a supporting actor. The emphasis was Rabin. Only in later clips did Peres step out of the shadow, but always into the warm and young embrace of a little Ms. Israel.

And yes, Likud did go on the attack. They said Peres will give up Jerusalem, the Golan, and create a Palestinian state. They presented us with an avuncular Bibi, who took us into his study and gave us a warm heart-to-heart. If Labor was trying to make Peres look young by surrounding him with youth, Likud tried to make Bibi look older, more statesmanlike.

Likud also took pains to show us that, yes, Bibi does have friends.

By trotting out Dan Meridor, looking like Dennis the Menace, and David Levy, Likud put to rest all those gnawing doubts about internal harmony. Gosh darn it, Levy and Meridor told us, a government headed by Binyamin Netanyahu — they both said his name, right there on national television — is the best darned way to go.

The only Laborite to appear, outside of Peres, was Ehud Barak. And he told us that after

some 30 years of service to his country, the one man he knows it is possible to rely on is Shimon Peres. Now if you can't believe your foreign minister and ex chief-of-staff, who can you believe?

My wife thinks I'm nuts, but I always look forward to these election clips. The images of a clean, robust, young, Jewish, proud, happy, and courteous country always do me proud. It's the country I imagined before I made aliya. The soldiers putting on tefillin; the young couple talking about how nice it would be if their baby grew up in a land with no war; the tans; the curly hair; the sunsets; couples happily holding hands on the beach, undisturbed by paddle-halls. Fantasyland.

For the most part last night's fare was predictable. Labor did lean heavily on Rabin, but then again, why shouldn't they. Likud told us we are all scared out of our wits. Meretz played on anti-religious phobias. And the religious, Shas and the NRP emphasized Jewish values. Nothing new here. Not yet. But it's only day one. Tonight they begin to respond to each other, and the fun will really begin.

Flour, bread, pasta prices up

The price of flour is going up 13.7% today, while bread goes up 6.55% and Osem pasta products go up by 6.12%.

Industry and Trade Ministry officials explained that the price increase was caused by an unusual increase in the price of imported wheat because of bad wheat crops in the US. The price of flour last increased by 3.6% on March 26.

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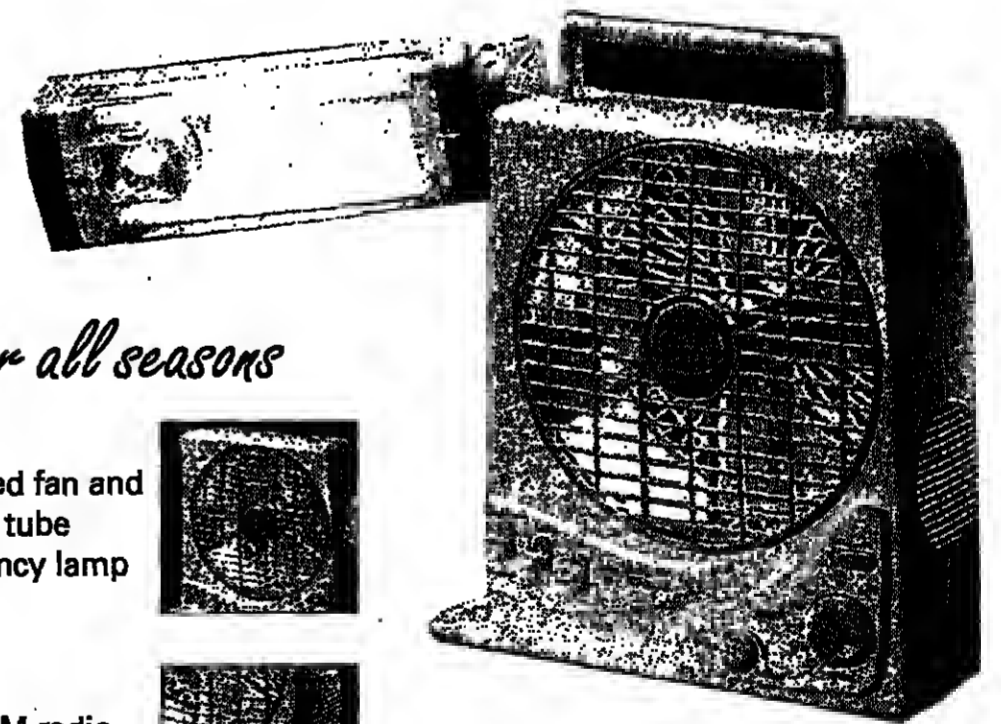
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South Africa adopts new post-apartheid constitution

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SOUTH African politicians united yesterday to pass the country's final post-apartheid constitution in what President Nelson Mandela called the nation's rebirth from its horrible past.

But rumblings of discontent from Deputy President F.W. de Klerk's white-led National Party frightened investors into ditching the rand, which took shares and bonds down with it.

Members of both houses of the first all-race parliament, grouped together as the special Constitutional Assembly, approved the new law by a massive majority after an 11-hour deal overnight to bury remaining differences.

"And so it has come to pass that South Africa today undergoes her rebirth, cleansed of a horrible past, matured from a tentative beginning and reaching out to the future with confidence," Mandela told the assembly.

"This is our national soul, our compact with one another as citizens. Never and never again shall the laws of our land rend our people apart or legalize their oppression and repression."

The accord saved the country from a divisive referendum at a time when the economy and rand are under pressure and political killings have stalled planned local polls in the Zulu heartland.

But news that de Klerk's party would meet next Tuesday to consider its future as a junior partner in the national unity government prompted a flight from the rand.

National Party sources said there is a strong feeling in the party that it is being ignored in the coalition.

Party deputy secretary-general David Malatsi said there was a 50/50 chance that the party's policy-making Federal Council would decide to quit the government.

"If we are going to do it, we should do it soon. There is no point in postponing a divorce," he told Reuters.

De Klerk criticized the new constitution in a speech to the

assembly. He listed the end of power sharing, a labor relations regime skewed in favor of workers, and rejection of the death penalty as major concerns.

"This new constitution rings the death knell of multi-party participation in decision-making at executive level. Instead we now have a majority domination model. That is a mistake."

His criticism came despite a compromise deal with the ANC on the right to single-language education, branded an apartheid bangover by the ANC, on property rights and employer lock-outs.

The new constitution - opposed by abstentions but only two 'no' votes - replaces a two-year-old transitional one and will be phased in between now and 1999 when new elections will choose the first full majority-rule government.

The ANC's unity government formed two years ago includes the NP and the Zulu-led Inkatha Freedom Party, which boycotted negotiations and yesterday's adoption sitting.

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters) - A bomb exploded on a bus outside a hospital in the Pakistani town of Sheikhupura yesterday, killing at least six people and wounding 38, police and hospital doctors said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing, the latest in a series of blasts over the past four weeks that have killed more than 50 people and wounded more than 100 in the populous central province of Punjab.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, visiting Sweden, called yesterday's bombing an act of unprovoked terrorism and said her government would fight them until all were caught.

She said in a statement issued in Islamabad that the harder the terrorists tried to terrorize the

Six killed in Pakistan bus bomb

people, the stronger would be the government's resolve to deal with them.

Police said a bomb had been planted on the bus, which had been traveling from Hafizabad to Lahore, the provincial capital, 80 km. away. It exploded outside the hospital in Sheikhupura, 37 km. northwest of Lahore, at about 8:30 a.m.

Arshad Iqbal, medical superintendent at the hospital, told Reuters by telephone that five people, including a child and a woman, had been killed on the spot and 41 were wounded, 15 of them seriously.

He said eight of the worst casualties had been taken to Lahore, where one later died in hospital. Five or six people lost limbs, he said.

Mohammad Munir, who works

in the hospital dispensary, said he had rushed outside when he heard the blast. There was smoke and then the bus caught fire.

People were screaming and there was complete panic, Munir said, adding that the fire brigade quickly brought the blaze under control.

Another hospital doctor said the death toll could have been much higher if the bomb had not gone off so close to the hospital, enabling the wounded to receive prompt treatment.

Bhutto has accused Pakistan's arch-rival India of being responsible for previous bombings.

Pakistan accuses India of sponsoring sabotage in Punjab in retaliation for what New Delhi says is Islamabad's backing for Muslim militants in the disputed region of Kashmir state.

ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters) - A regional attempt to resolve renewed civil war in Liberia at summit level ended in fiasco yesterday, when most invited presidents stayed away.

But foreign ministers who prepared the aborted summit went ahead to adopt wide-ranging decisions, including reinstatement of Krahn warlord Roosevelt Johnson, whose sacking from the Liberian cabinet was a cause of renewed fighting in Monrovia.

Ghanaian Foreign Minister Obed Asamoah gave the official reason for the summit cancellation as the need to give Liberia's warring parties time to return to a 1995 accord before the next regular summit of West African leaders in August.

"For that reason, it was not found necessary that the summit should be held this time," Asamoah told a closing session of the ministerial meeting.

Conference sources said the real reason was the absence of most heads of state, including that of regional power Nigeria, invited from the nine-nation Liberia committee of the Eco-



A street fighter with Charles Taylor's militia fires his machine gun while clutching the ammunition belt between his teeth during a heavy exchange of gunfire in Monrovia yesterday. (Reuters)

Liberia cease-fire summit aborted

Anthony Nyaki, gave a similar warning on Tuesday, saying international assistance for Liberia could end if fighting continued.

Asamoah read out a list of seven measures taken by the ministers to halt a month of fighting. "Gen. Johnson should be reinstated in his position by the Ruling Council of Liberia," he said.

Other key measures call for the withdrawal of all armed guerrillas from Monrovia, removal of all arms and ammunition from the capital under the supervision of peacekeepers, and the return of property looted since April 6.

Fighting flared a month ago when the council, using guerrillas of its dominant faction leaders Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kromah, tried to arrest Johnson on murder charges.

The two faction leaders have vowed to get Johnson and their followers have kept up clashes in Monrovia with Johnson loyalists, mostly fellow Krahn.

Taylor and Kromah boycotted the Accra talks.

nomie Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The embarrassing boycott looked likely to rekindle back-stage feuding between Anglophone members of ECOWAS and their Francophone allies, whose summit is on today.

Ivory Coast President Henri Konan Bedie and Senegal's Abdou Diouf, both influential Francophone leaders, are expected to attend the Ouagadougou summit of the seven-member UEMOA bloc.

Some delegates playing down any rift in ECOWAS, said the boycott showed top-level fatigue with meetings on Liberia. A dozen previous accords failed to halt the six-year conflict.

"It is a sign of their concern they have had too many meetings on Liberia," said former UN official James Jonah.

"This is a warning to the Liberian fighting factions that people are fed up," added Jonah, now a special envoy of UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Liberia. The UN's special representative in Liberia,

night predicted a hung parliament, with the ruling Congress and its allies taking only about 142 seats, 50 fewer than the BIP.

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Zyuganov: West should not fear me as Russian president

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, buoyed by forecasts putting him far ahead in Russia's election race, told the West yesterday it has nothing to fear if he becomes president in June.

"Don't worry about wars and conflicts," Zyuganov said in a satellite link-up with CNN.

As he attempted to reassure the West, Russia and Britain appeared to be trying to end their biggest post-Cold War espionage row quietly, and Russia and its Baltic neighbor Estonia indulged in tit-for-tat expulsions for alleged spying.

Russia's interior minister also issued a reminder of instability in southern Russia, saying President Boris Yeltsin would not be able to go ahead with plans to visit rebel Chechnya immediately because of the dangers there.

Zyuganov, 51, promised the world would be stable if he were elected president of its largest country.

"Russia has always been a stabilizer - a factor which brings more balance in the world - and a bridge between East and West," he said, answering journalists' questions.

"We are prepared to engage in broad and close cooperation, relying on our capabilities and implementing a democratic policy of peace and good neighborly relations. I am sure this policy will contribute to a stable world."

Zyuganov spent much of the program trying to ease Western fears that his election would threaten Russia's economy. One presidential rival has said he has two faces - one for Russian voters and another, more liberal, one for the West.

Zyuganov denied he would take the economy back to the Soviet past and vowed to guarantee human rights.

He was boosted by an independent research group which issued forecasts giving him a much bigger lead over Yeltsin than other polls, some of which have them running neck-and-neck.

The Institute of the Sociology of Parliamentarism issued forecasts, based on a poll of 6,000 respondents across Russia between April 27 and May 2, which predicted Zyuganov would win 43 percent-45 percent of the votes and Yeltsin 25 percent.

Russia, Britain wrangle over spy-case expulsions

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia and Britain appeared yesterday to be trying to work out a compromise to end a major spy row that brought a threat of large-scale expulsions of British diplomats and could seriously disrupt good relations.

Russia's state security agency said on Tuesday Moscow wanted the removal of nine British embassy members, charging they were linked to a Russian agent arrested last month.

Britain says the Federal Security Service (FSS) allegations against its diplomats have not been substantiated by Moscow and has given a veiled warning it would retaliate.

In London, Defense Secretary Michael Portillo expressed hope Moscow would hold back, saying Britain did not want anything to jeopardize relations with Moscow.

An expulsion of nine British diplomats, out of a total of more than 80 based in Moscow, would make it by far the worst spy scandal involving the two countries in the post-Soviet era.

No fresh diplomatic contacts were reported between the two powers following Russia's denunciation on Tuesday of British diplomats for "activities incompatible with their status."

The FSB, Russia's counter-intelligence body which first leaked news of the scandal and has taken a far harder line on the issue than the Foreign Ministry, insisted yesterday that some diplomats had to be expelled.

But it suggested the two sides were trying to work out a compromise on the actual number.

"The question of expelling a number of British embassy staff is on the agenda, but at issue is the time scale and the number of diplomats who will be declared persona non grata," an unnamed source at the FSB told Interfax news agency.

"We did our job. The job of the politicians is to find a solution which most adequately meets the national interests of the Russian Federation," the FSB source said.

Eleven British diplomats and journalists were expelled from the Soviet Union in 1989 in retaliation for London throwing out the same number of alleged Soviet spies.

Russia's Foreign Ministry itself, trying to limit the diplomatic damage to its relations with one of President Boris Yeltsin's powerful Western backers, has declined to confirm that a final decision on the expulsions has been made.

Congress suffers early loss in Indian vote count

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India's ruling Congress suffered early losses yesterday as official results began emerging from general elections expected to produce a hung parliament.

A party leader admitted it was being mauled.

"The Congress is losing. It is very clear that we have done badly," Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee told state television.

With five results declared for India's 545-seat parliament, Congress had lost three seats, one in

the northeast to an independent and two in the south to a break-away faction and to the National Front-Left Front (NF-LF) alliance.

It held the other two, but partial counts reported on state-owned Doordarshan television showed Congress trailing in scores of the seats it held.

The NF-LF and the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appeared to be making gains.

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days ago," a military official told Reuters. He said about 35,000 troops had been deployed for some time along the Iraqi border, concentrating on short-range missions.

"But now Cobra helicopters are also supporting the troops' operation (further into Iraq)," the military official said.

The operation was a scaled-down version of a big cross-border push last spring which brought protests from Turkey's Western allies but failed to root out PKK bases. Turkish troops penetrated 40 km. into Iraq then.

Anatolian said security forces had entered up to 6 km. into Iraq this time around to chase PKK rebels. It did not say how many troops were involved in the operation. Nine other rebels and four troops were killed in a separate operation in the remote eastern Turkish provinces of Tunceli and Bingol, following days of aerial reconnaissance and bombing runs against rebel positions, security sources said.

Experts: Up to 24,000 new mad cow cases by 1999

LONDON (AP) - Mad cow disease is "very much on the wane," although Britain can still expect between 15,000 and 24,000 new cases by the end of 1999, a new study predicts.

Three-quarters of those cases will occur in animals born since a 1988 ban on the practice of feeding cattle with sheep offal, researchers at Oxford University's Department of Zoology found.

That's because farmers continued to feed cattle contaminated offal after the ban and because mad cow disease - bovine spongiform encephalopathy - tends to appear when an animal is four or five years old, said researcher Dey Stekel.

"We expect at most 1,880 cases in 1999, compared with more than 13,000 in 1995," Stekel said.

The prediction of 15,000-24,000 new cases from 1996-1999 is valid "only if infection of new animals finally ceases," they wrote.

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FLAIR GREER FAY CASHMAN admitted that Bram was a long way from his best. Yet not everything about it was a bomb. The knits, in fact, were quite delightful, with intriguing self- and contrast-color banding. The selections included two- and three-piece ensembles in both flowing and body-hugging silhouettes, and color moods reflecting everything from quiet tranquility to frenetic get-up-and-go excitement.

and moving in too many directions at once. His skirt lengths ran the gamut from micro-mini to maxi; and width-wise from reed slim to fully flared. Dress shapes were equally varied as were necklines and pants widths. There was absolutely nothing definitively Bram. While it's great to walk into a department store and see almost endless choices in a color or a fabric that you like, the concept weighs a little heavy on the runway. Prices for the merchandise are slightly above average with jackets costing NIS 529, dresses NIS 399, pinafors NIS 419, skirts NIS 339, pants NIS 269 to NIS 299, vests NIS 290 and houses NIS 229 to NIS 299.

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TO America's only major motorcycle maker, the deep-throated rumbling of a big V-twin engine is as vital as a heartbeat. Harley-Davidson Inc. installed its first V-twin in 1909 and has stuck with it ever since. Now the Wisconsin company wants the government to protect its investment with a trademark. Harley says the competition is copying its sound.

protected and fast became a generic term - the Wisconsin motorcycle maker wants a trademark to block other manufacturers from turning out cruisers that sound like Harleys. Joseph Bonk, Harley-Davidson's trademark attorney, says the sound is best described verbally as "a very fast 'potato-potato-potato' trademark specialist says. Of nearly 730,000 enforceable trademarks on the books in the US, only 23 cover sounds and most are for distinctive, man-made arrangements. They include: LucasArts Entertainment's theater sound-system logo theme; American Telephone and Telegraph's spoken letters "AT&T"; Beneficial Finance: "At Beneficial, too-tot, You're Good for More"; Rally Inc.'s spoken words "ching" and "cha-ching"; Pinocchio Pizza's jingle "Nobody 'Nose' Pizza Like Pinocchio's"; Beacon Broadcasting's thunderclap sound; NBC's three-toned station-identification chime; and MGM Studio's lion's roar. Should Harley win, other manufacturers could attempt to

trademark their product sounds, said Los Angeles trademark law specialist Stan Sokoloff. For example, Hoover Co. could try to trademark the sound of its vacuum cleaner, according to New York trademark expert Darren Saunders. The four big Japanese bike makers - Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki and Kawasaki - have filed documents opposing Harley-Davidson's trademark application. They have been joined by a snowmobile maker and four motorcycle customizers. "Yamaha has been building V-twin engines since the early '80s, and there's no difference between the sound their engine makes and the sound our engine makes," says Yamaha spokesman Boh Starr. But according to Harley spokesman Steve Pichl, "There are a lot of ways to make a V-twin sound different. The sound is created by the angle of the pistons, the number of valves, other internal components and the exhaust system. It has been Harley's sound since the 1930s." (Los Angeles Times)

Outrageous exploitation of hospital patients

HAVING the use of a telephone by a hospital bedside is a welcome addition to the lengthy list of what are today life's necessities, although they were once known as unthinkable luxuries. The days when a woman in labor - en route to delivery - would be more apt to forget her toothbrush than her hoard of public phone tokens are about to enter the annals of history, alongside the days of the typewriter and the washboard.

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controlled by the ministry. "As this is a private service, and one which a patient can opt not to use, we have no say in the matter," he said. Though he agrees that the price of a call unit is excessive, he places more responsibility with the hospitals than with the companies.

In the first place, the hospitals award tenders to the highest bidder, he says. Secondly, the phone companies must pay royalties to the hospitals they serve - sometimes exceeding 30% of their income - and to Bezeq. "As a result," explained Teitelman, "the phone companies have reasonable cause to charge high rates." He also pointed out that because of the other options available to patients (i.e. public phones and cellular phones), as well as the fact that the number of patients patronizing the service in a given period cannot be anticipated, there is no guarantee that the network will always be profitable. And, just as the ministry would not subsidize possible losses to these companies, it cannot penalize them for gains.

gives patients and visitors convenient access to consumer services. "If these goods and services are pricier than in other locales, so be it. Convenience figures into cost. "And since there is no rule forbidding patients and visitors from bringing their own cellular phones into the hospital just as there is no rule forbidding them from buying flowers at a shop elsewhere, there is no exploitation involved."

Though, admittedly, this claim "rings" true to free-market advocates such as myself, it contains two flaws: firstly, people in hospital are not in the best emotional state to make sound consumer judgments. Secondly, every hospital I've visited recently is decorated with signs forbidding entry with cellular phones.

Those of you who obediently heed such signs would do well to take note of a few facts about the cost of leasing a hospital phone: (1) prices between hospitals vary; (2) currently, at Hadassah Ein Kerem, the installation fee for a bedside phone is NIS 6, while the cover charge is NIS 1.20 per day (or part day); (3) the charge for an outgoing call is NIS 0.80 per unit, and NIS 0.30 per unit for an incoming call; (4) the lengthier the hospital stay, the lower the daily rates.

Do the math. Renting a cell-phone is cheap.

ONE FURTHER tidbit: If you should happen to come across a restaurant which "no longer serves Golan wines at the request of the rabbinat," do not be misled. Golan wines are kosher.

However, since they are out of the country, it is halachically forbidden for Jews to drink them if opened or served by Gentiles. Because most hotels and restaurants here also employ non-Jews, the rabbinat (in Jerusalem particularly) isn't taking any chances with the grape-gulping virtue of its flock.

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

The cellular phone "blitz" is not the only reason for this phenomenon. Nearly five years ago, the Communications Ministry issued licenses to three private phone companies for entry into the hitherto untapped hospital market. The companies - Medic Media, Elitech and Telepharm - could compete for tenders in hospitals. A tender would enable the "mini" phone companies to install independent networks within hospital buildings, complete with bedside sockets, and individual numbers, for the comfort of patients and medical staff alike.

For the patients, this provided the option to stay in bed while communicating with the outside world, rather than having to brave long corridors and wait on long lines for a turn at the pay phone. For nurses, it meant relief from the burden of endless rings from relatives inquiring about the progress of ill or injured loved ones. For the phone companies and hospitals, it was a golden opportunity to profit.

The "happily ever after" bit of this fairy tale has one glitch, however. Apparently, one glance at the bill for this "mutually beneficial" service is enough to give the average patient a major heart attack. (Luckily for this particular consumer population, receipt of the phone bill takes place while the doctor is still on hospital premises.)

INITIALLY perturbed by the hutzpa of hospital administrations for earning easy cash at the expense of bedridden consumers - particularly when the service in question is one which facilitates the jobs of hospital personnel - I contacted Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Organization for some answers.

External Relations Division Director Yossi Shoval caused my outrage to be put on "hold" long enough to consider the following: "Just as Medic Media [the phone company working within Hadassah] is a business with a financial interest, so is this hospital," he said.

"Everyone benefits from the innovative commercial strides being made in the nonmedical services provided by hospitals. A flower shop in the lobby, a cafeteria, or even a mall - like the one connected to Tel Hashomer -

Despite 'Mad Cow' scare, safe eating starts at home

BRITAIN'S "mad cow" disease controversy has us noticing food-safety issues once again. These occasional high-visibility "scare" grab our attention for a while, usually just long enough for us to demand more rules and regulations. Then they fade from consciousness, pushed aside by the demands of daily life. What's interesting is that the most pervasive threats to food safety lie much closer to home, with food handlers. And that's usually you and me.

Appliances: Pay particular attention to the refrigerator. Wipe up spills right away, and keep shelves, sides and door sanitized. - Know the foods that need your attention: meat, poultry, dairy products and canned goods. These are the food items that require care in the kitchen. Here are some safety tips: Keep food out of the temperature danger zone: 4-60 degrees Centigrade. Foods left out for more than two hours, even in heated serving units, invite bacteria to grow. Thaw meat, poultry or fish in the refrigerator. Never thaw on the counter. Bacteria thrive in food at room temperature. Cook chicken well done. It is not safe to eat rare or medium-rare poultry. When grilling, be patient; grill temperature is as important as oven temperature in killing bacteria. Stuff chicken or turkey just before roasting. This keeps the bacteria in raw poultry from invading the starchy stuffing, a favorite breeding

ground. Once cooked, poultry and stuffing should be stored separately in the refrigerator. Treat cracked eggs carefully. If you find a cracked egg in a carton, don't use it. Cracked eggs can harbor disease-carrying organisms. - Finally, keep watch on the cupboard. The length of time canned goods keep has a lot to do with how carefully you store them. For safe, dry storage: Keep the cupboard or pantry clean, dry, dark and cool. The ideal temperature is 10-21 degrees Centigrade. Temperatures over 37° are harmful to canned goods. Organize the cupboard, with older cans up front for earlier use. Generally, canned goods keep for at least one year. Be alert for signs of spoilage. Never use food from cans that are cracked, bulging or leaking or that spurt liquid when opened. Don't taste! These spoilage signs may mean the deadly botulism organism is present. (The Baltimore Sun)

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Creeping annexation

THE government "views with gravity the Palestinian Authority's blatant violation of the Oslo agreement in Jerusalem," said a communique on Tuesday. The violation - the operation of a police station by the PA's security apparatus within city limits - may indeed be blatant. But it is hardly a surprise. The ubiquitous presence in the eastern part of Jerusalem of official PA bodies is not news. "Orient House," the PA's foreign ministry, has been functioning with virtually no constraints. True, in this pre-election period, the government has clamped down on some official functions there. But both the PA's Faisal Hussein and the European foreign ministers have collaborated in a tacit agreement not to embarrass the government by holding news-making meetings at Orient House before the elections. Nor is Orient House the only PA office in the city. Numerous offices and sub-offices, financed and run by the PA, are functioning in Jerusalem unmolested, despite the government's frequent threats to close them down. Perhaps the most telling manifestation of the PA's effort to create "facts on the ground" in Jerusalem is the activity of the Palestinian security services among the Arab population. Hundreds of "policemen," mostly members of the Jibril Rajoub Preventive Security apparatus, operate in the Arab community with little inter-

ference from the Israeli police. Their purpose is mostly to legitimize the presence in the city of Palestinian law enforcement agencies - an essential component of sovereignty. They kidnap suspected criminals, drug addicts and prostitutes to areas under Palestinian control, subjecting them to the abuse, beatings and tortures typical of Palestinian justice. A Palestinian psychiatrist in Gaza was quoted by *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis on Monday as saying, "There are so many arbitrary arrests now, without charge, without reason. The Authority has nine security organizations, each with its own detention center. And people are systematically tortured." To complete the law enforcement system, the PA has even established courts in the city, which serve not only the Arab residents, but Israelis who wish to resolve disputes with them. That the police have finally detained the operators of one Palestinian "police station" is welcome news. If the government means what it says about allowing no other sovereignty in Jerusalem, it cannot tolerate the operation of a foreign police force in it. But the timing of the arrests, and the police's chronic indifference to the PA's creeping annexation efforts raise the suspicion that the exercise was part of the election campaign rather than a turning point in the battle for Jerusalem.

Back in business

REPORTS of the demise of East-West rivalry appear to have been somewhat exaggerated in recent years. The explosion of a new spy scandal between Britain and Russia, President Boris Yeltsin's regular sniping at the United States, and Moscow's recent harsh and hypocritical criticism of Israel over events in Lebanon might lead a visitor from Mars to conclude that Cold War warriors have retired, not to grow roses, but to retreat. Of course, it should have been more obvious to optimistic analysts of brave new world orders that entrenched attitudes and 70-year-old institutions could not be turned round overnight, any more than a lumbering supertanker can change course with the alacrity of a speedboat. The signs have always been there since the collapse of the Soviet-led communist empire. In Russia itself, corrupt and self-serving Communist apparatchiks running state industries with the help of thugs simply became corrupt and self-serving entrepreneurs running former state industries with the help of thugs. In both Russia and the United States frequent sighs of regret have been heard from cold warriors in the military and the security services who, in a new and messy world, waxed nostalgic for the good old black and white (or blue and red) certainties and rules of yore. The unpalatable truth about the new Russian democracy is that it is viewed in the West as dangerously unstable - just as the unspoken truth about the Soviet Union was that it was an extremely stable and reliable enemy. The rivalries of the CIA and MI6 with the KGB were choreographed like a ballet, the rules of engagement were understood - there was even a mutual camaraderie of professionalism that provided endless fodder for the great spy novels of the era. No one was ever surprised by a periodic

round of diplomatic expulsions when some agent's tradecraft failed and he became "an incident." Much of Britain's media have reacted with shocked surprise at this week's worst diplomatic spy crisis since the fall of the Berlin Wall, with Moscow accusing nine British diplomats of espionage and ordering them out. It cannot be that the media are so naive. The trench-coated characters, sinister back alleys and *Third Man* music of Graham Greene and John Le Carre may be past, but in these days of laptop computers, Internet hackers and jet-hopping business conferences, the game's the same, and even more vital. The emphasis may have shifted from espionage agents seeking the latest missile design or inside gossip from a tight-lipped Kremlin to the hunt for drug dealers, money launderers and smugglers of nuclear materials, but in a more complex world, the need for good intelligence is more, not less important. With an unpredictable election looming in Russia which could bring a coalition of former communists nostalgic for the old days, and nationalists seeking to restore Russia's pride as a superpower, the West cannot afford to be caught on the hop. Disregard for intelligence plunged Britain into a war with Argentina, disregard for intelligence caught Israel wrong-footed in 1973, and disregard for intelligence forced the West to spend five months preparing to liberate Kuwait. No measure of Britain is required for its alleged intelligence activities in Moscow. Britons should be convinced that the vast and shiny new building being erected for MI6 on the Thames is money well spent, and Europeans should be grateful the old British firm is still in business. They may need it some day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUTH AFRICA'S MOSLEMS

Sir, - Your article of April 18, "Plum ripe for picking" makes sweeping and terrifying statements, many of them based on dubious rumors and on perceptions which may well be faulty. That Farrakhan visited South Africa - and during that visit met President Mandela - is a matter of public knowledge, as is the visit of a representative of a member of the Algerian revolutionary movement. We also know that the South African government has extended an invitation to Colonel Gaddafi to visit South Africa, and that our foreign minister has recently visited Iran. President Mandela has clearly stated that the government has established relations with these countries (and with Cuba and the Palestinian Authority) and will maintain diplomatic contact with them and exert its influence on them. That will not change: it is part of our present reality. But there are other matters we know which the article ignores. For one, the Pan-Africanist Congress has distanced itself from Qibla during the past year or so, and has not been associated with certain Moslem anti-Israel protests in Cape Town. Moreover, the recent PAC congress - certainly as reported on in some detail in South African newspapers - showed an organization in considerable disarray. It may be remembered that a report that Farrakhan had been promised millions of dollars for leading a Moslem power thrust in the US was subsequently denied vigorously. We

believe the story that Farrakhan "banded over a check for \$50 million to the leftist PAC" is just as unlikely to be true - if only because no such report - or evidence of sudden PAC affluence - has surfaced in South Africa. One may also doubt whether Farrakhan has that kind of cash to give anyone, least of all to a non-Moslem organization. What is true is that Qibla has evidently received substantial funds from abroad, possibly from Libya. Hanan Ashrawi's reported comments about South African Moslems being "extreme racists" may have had more to do with Western Cape tensions between African and "colored" people there than with Qibla or with South African supporters of Hamas. We have even more problems with the linking of our crime problems with Qibla. *The Jerusalem Post* report admittedly only speaks of a "potential" link, but that's quite a powerful innuendo. All evidence suggests that the more extreme Moslem groups have limited if vocal support in the South African Moslem community. Clearly we must remain wide awake to potential security threats from that quarter as from others, but we must be equally awake to efforts to maintain links and, where possible, dialogue with the mainstream Moslem community. Such contacts are ongoing, but they have not helped by scare stories about "Moslem militants... tempted to seize power once they have the means to do so."

In South Africa, that thought is, frankly, ridiculous: if they haven't been able to seize power in Algeria, the chances of doing this in a country where Moslems make up at most 2 percent of the population (and where upwards of 70 percent are Christians) are nil. In fact, Moslems, like Jews, are a minority which seems to show its acceptability and commitment to the new South African democracy; they will wish to contain their militant wing so that Moslems will not be seen as a threat by the government.

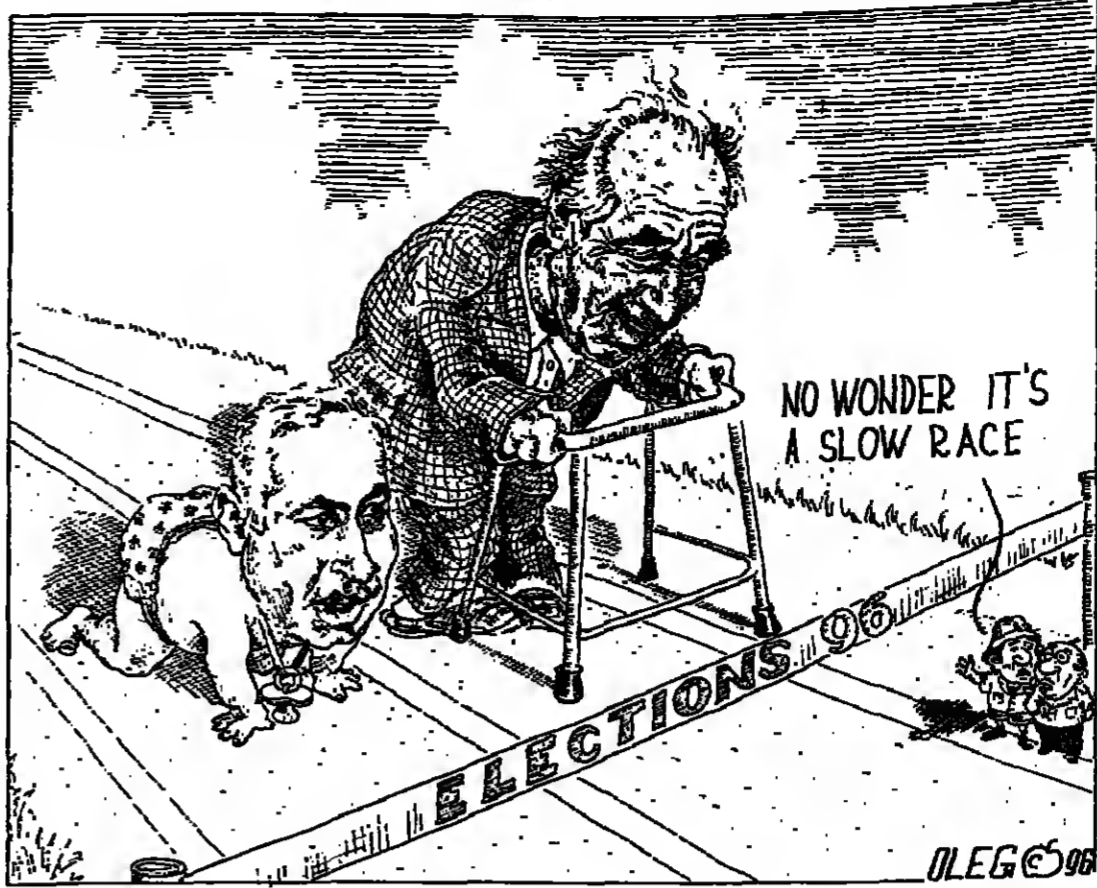
DR. FRANZ AUERBACH,
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HEBRON

Sir, - Here is what the late David Ben Gurion, first prime minister of Israel, said about Hebron in 1970, a few years before he died: "It would be a great and terrible error for us not to settle Hebron, the neighbor and ancestor of Jerusalem, with a large and ever-increasing Jewish population, within a very short time. Hebron is worthy of being a sister to Jerusalem!"

Did Ben Gurion foresee the madness which is overcoming us in these modern times, which is causing us to give Hebron, the city of our nation's forefathers, to another people, who are praying for our destruction? What would he say if he saw us now?

DR. GAVRIEL GAL
Rehovot.



The French connection

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

Buoyed by the lavish welcome accorded him by US President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Shimon Peres could not restrain himself on the plane flying from Washington to New York. He had a real scoop for the journalists aboard. With barely suppressed excitement he related how a Hizbullah hit team about to attack a Jewish target in Paris had been foiled by French security. When pressed by the accompanying journalists for more details, Peres flippantly replied: "I don't know where I got the information. Either from reports I receive or from articles in your papers." The Quai d'Orsay was unamused. Here was French President Jacques Chirac convincing Syria and Iran that they had no better champion in the West than him. And then Peres throws a spanner into the well-oiled wheels of French double-dealing. The French "understanding" with Syria and Iran is that they do not attack French targets. In return, Paris offers vast loans to Teheran and Damascus to buy French-made, vital strategic material. The offending details about the Paris plot were denied via the pen of the compliant Thierry Oberle in *Figaro* on May 2. The "surprised" Quai d'Orsay "was unaware of such an incident," he wrote. True, a single Lebanese had been arrested as a "possible suspect." But it was a mistake and he was released. Plot? What plot? Loyally, Minister Yossi Beilin defended Peres. He said he was "surprised by the Quai d'Orsay." With good reason. The data about the gang was given to the French by Israeli intelligence.

tries have made a pact to this effect. Peres needs Syrian President Hafez Assad to continue his grandiose plans for creating a new, peaceful Middle East. He makes no bones about surrendering the Golan Heights as a bait to get Assad to appear with him in a photograph, shaking hands. Perhaps even on the White House lawn. Peres's mistake was to imagine that all those delectable dinner invitations he has enjoyed at the Elysee presidential palace were issued because of admiration for his pro-French proclivities. He forgot that the French are brutal when it comes to self-interest. His revelation on the plane was slapped down because it gave the impression that France is hostile to Hizbullah. The French were particularly quick to deny it because it came just after Chirac sent Lebanon a gift of new generators to replace electricity plants destroyed by Israeli planes. WHY DOES the government, following Peres's lead, keep up a daily barrage of warnings about the threats of Moslem extremists, Hamas, Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad, and so on? One story after another appears about how hundreds of suicide bombers are waiting in the wings, ready to strike at any moment. A special paramedic team is to accompany Peres wherever he goes. One report warned about a possible terrorist strike planned for election day. The military and security services also issue similar warnings. There is no doubt that these intelligence assessments and data are valid. After all, Hizbullah has warned repeatedly that it will strike, as it has in the past, against Israeli and Jewish targets. Its leaders cite Kana as their casus belli, but in fact the dead Lebanese civilians are merely a pretext to continue their never-ending war against the Jewish state. It is legitimate and right that warnings be issued and special precautions taken. But Peres is deliberately using this security issue to foster his own political mission of winning the coming elections. A leading pollster told us: "There's a justified fear in Labor that there will be an attack. And should it take place, heaven forbid, they know there will be a political backlash against Peres, similar to when bombs devastated buses in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv." He added that Peres's tactics aim to get the public used to the idea that an attack will take place. The hope is that afterwards, the sting of criticism aimed at the government will be dulled by the barrage of predictions of such a calamity, making terror seem as nothing less than an earthquake or bolt of lightning, totally out of the control of mere mortals. There is also an even more cynical reason for the barrage of government-inspired railing against Iran. It has been repeatedly claimed that the terrorists' purpose is to destroy the peace process. This is a fallacy. Senior intelligence chiefs know that terrorists' real aim is to destroy Israel and kill Jews. The heavy loss of life caused by terrorism in Israel is a direct consequence of the Rabin-Peres Oslo peace accords. Statistics make this clear. More Israelis have died in the post-Oslo period by acts of terror than ever before in a comparative period of the state's history. The concept that Arafat can be trusted to defend the Jews against terror is a government myth and proven disaster. It is less than honest for the prime minister to point a finger solely at Iran, when the real culprit is right under his nose.

Peres has always prided himself on his deep and genuine friendship with the aristocratic ruling class in Paris

Peres should know that he blundered by blurring outwards of the Hizbullah plot during his US visit, even though the motivation behind the leak - to stress Iran's role as the mainspring of all terrorist acts - was crystal clear. Indeed, there is much truth in what he says. But Peres has a political agenda in aiming all his venom at Teheran only. In so doing, he is deliberately overlooking the other half of the equation - the Persian's partner in Syria. Via Damascus, terrorists, their trainers and weapons are directed to all corners of the Western world and as this column reported recently, the two coun-

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



We've seen silly people dress up as a horse, but never a charity horse show in Salina, Kansas. (AP)

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.*

It's all bluff

LARRY DERFNER

I live about six blocks from Tel Aviv's Carmel Market, where the rough, Sephardi fruit-and-vegetable vendors are fabled for being "Likud in their blood" since the days of Menachem Begin.

That's the way it looks today. Up and down the market, the stalls are festooned with Likud and Binyamin Netanyahu bumper stickers and posters. There isn't a Peres pasting to be found anywhere.

So I was a little confused when I saw a string bean stall with two big Netanyahu posters on the side, while behind it the vendor was slanging Netanyahu for all he was worth to a passer-by.

"Look at what he did to David Levy! He called us criminals, gangsters! I can't stand to look at Bibi's face!"

So why the Bibi posters? I asked him.

"They put them up in the middle of the night because they know I'm for Peres. They stuck them on my car too." It might have been the Bibi supporters in the market, or it might have been the Likud brigades who come out at night to mark their turf, he said.

The two posters on the side of the stall were the ones he'd missed that morning, he said, so he tore them to pieces too.

I went up to a number of other vendors advertising "Peace With the Likud" and "Netanyahu - Making Secure Peace," and asked if they really were for Bibi.

"Of course I'm for Bibi, we're all for Bibi," said one.

"I can't stand the Likud," said another.

"I haven't decided yet."

"I'm voting for Peres."

"Bibi, only Bibi."

"Peres."

AT A potatoes-and-onions stall, a vendor explained: "It's all *harza* (Arabic/Hebrew slang for 'bluff')." They stick the posters up at night, and even if you tear them down, they put them up again the next night. Do you think anybody asks for them?"

The neighborhood near Carmel Market is mainly working-class Sephardi - traditional

They each get NIS 100 a night to tear down rival election posters

Likud country. At a glance, though, it didn't seem like Netanyahu had most of the people behind him, rather about 112% of them.

On Hakovshim Street, there are walls and bulletin boards and boarded-up storefronts covered over with multiple Bibis.

On south Hayarkon Street and Allenby Road, I could hardly see a poster of Shimon Peres or an "Israel is Strong With Peres" sticker that hadn't been torn down, defaced or covered up by Likud, Bibi and "secure peace."

But in the last few days the gap has begun to close. Someone has literally been ripping away at Netanyahu's presence on the street. A concrete post that had been wrapped top-to-bottom with "No security. No peace. No reason to vote Peres" was suddenly papered over with the face of our prime minister. (And a strong face it was.)

On the wall in front of the grocery store where I shop, there had been about 16 Likud and Bibi posters, and now they were all painted over or torn down. Inside, the younger son of the family that runs the store explained: "Peres's people did it."

How did he know? Because Peres's people, he said, were in the same business as him. He was the one who had put up those Bibi posters on the wall, he told me, just as he and a few other jobbers had put them up in the Carmel Market and all over the city.

They each get NIS 100 a night from the Likud. Their orders, he said, are to tear down Peres and paste Bibi and the Likud over him.

"Peres's people do the same to us. Sometimes we run into them, but the most we ever do is curse each other."

It's just professional, not political, rivalry. "If Peres will pay me NIS 100 I'll work for him. I'll work for both of them." Who is he voting for? "Shas." And for prime minister? "Nobody."

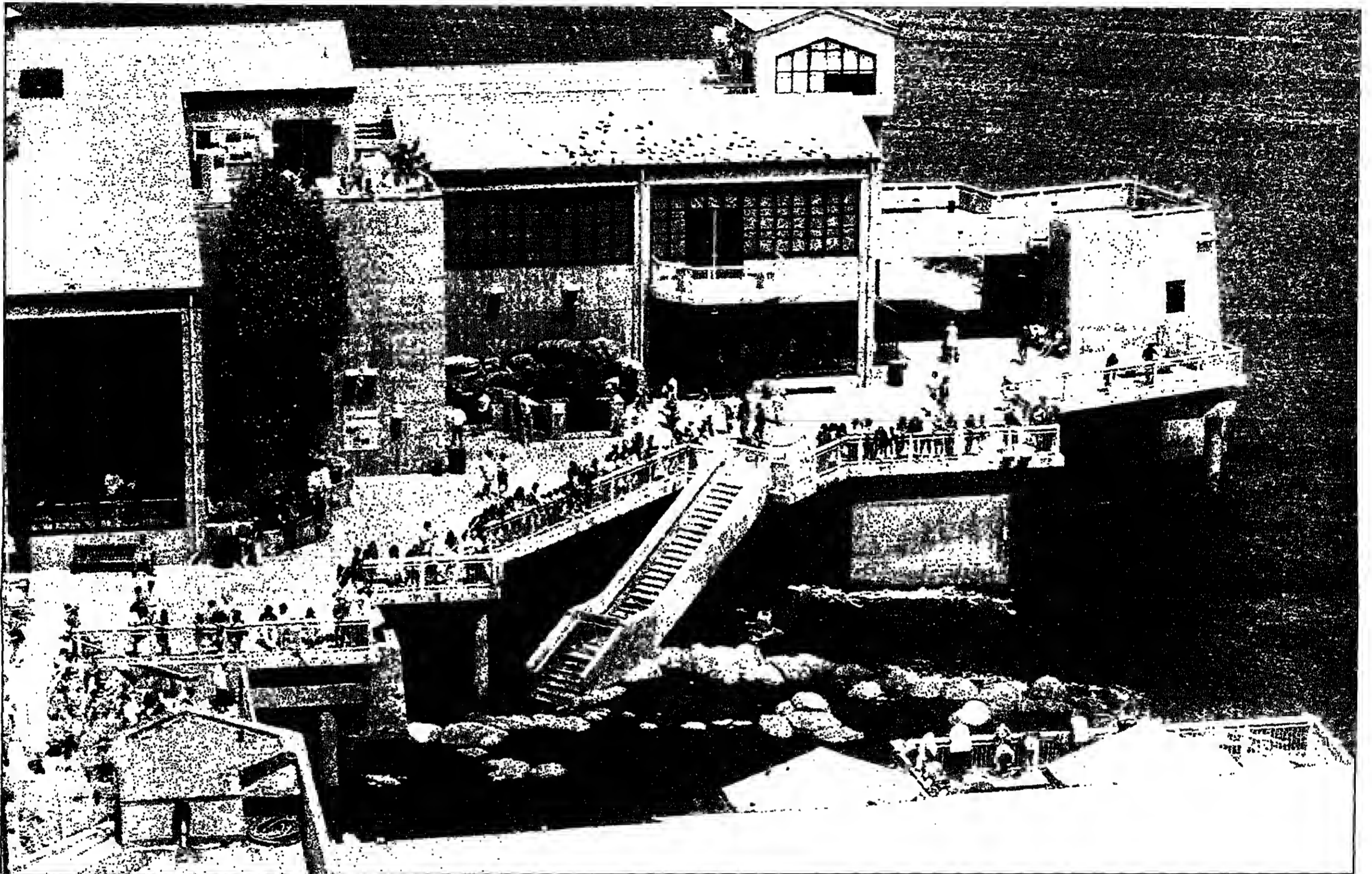
What's the meaning of this story? That the Sephardi *amcha* aren't as sold for Netanyahu as people think? That's one. The other is that the war of the posters and stickers - the campaign for the Israeli "street" - is all *harza*.

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The Monterey Bay Aquarium resembles the sardine cannery that once occupied the site. Its new wing is worth a visit.

Magical Monterey

A Great Place to Watch Whales, Kayak, Golf or Climb Mountains

By Mary Gillespie

MONTEREY, California—Suspended in a tiny, lime-green kayak above the great kelp forest of Monterey Bay, we were barking at the sea lions when we saw the bird.

It was a fiercely black, hooked-beak cormorant, nearly dead from exhaustion. In struggling to free itself from the errant fishing line wrapped around its neck, it had only managed to ensnare itself hopelessly in seaweed. An already stran-

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gled white gull floated belly-up in the kelp tangle.

Spotting a construction worker on the pier, we paddled over to the rocks and begged a pocket knife. Working carefully to avoid that beak, we snipped the bird loose. With a pier-

ing look, he shook his feathers and took flight.

There's something about Monterey Bay that moves one to such acts of eco-kindness. In other places, the life of one singularly unattractive cormorant might not seem so vital in the cosmic scheme. Off Cannery Row in the protected waters of Monterey Bay, it doesn't feel odd at all to paddle your biceps off to secure one ugly fishing bird's place in the firmament.

It's that in-tune-with-nature feeling—not to mention the fine weather and unparalleled beauty—that makes Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach and the other communities along the Monterey Peninsula such popular year-round vacation spots for families and getaway-seekers.

They come to watch whales, to climb in the lovely Santa Lucia mountains, to golf, to shop, to hear jazz, to kayak on top of a submarine Grand Canyon. They come to backpack Big Sur and see the wind-twisted cypresses on the 17-mile drive and raise the ghosts of Ed Ricketts and other of John Steinbeck's characters from Cannery Row. They come to eat prawns and artichokes and quaff Chardonnay.

I went to remember the summers when I was 7, 8 and 9. In the dusty Junes, Julys and Augusts of those years three decades ago, I traveled with my grandmother and aunt along the 17-mile drive and far beyond, learning that some people had ice-plant in their yards instead of boring, manicured grass. And learning that fog happens. A lot.

Not a whole lot has changed since I was a kid. There are more people, of course, and more political correctness. But the feeling—that sort of pleasant noblesse oblige that exclusive communities like

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Tons of anchovies and not a can or can opener in sight. The fascinating behavior of schooling fishes is just inches away at the anchovies exhibit at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Photo courtesy of Mary Gillespie

Napa Wines, Dines Visitors

By Don Rose

NAPA, California—We used to come here only for the wine—and the glorious vision of sun-painted, rolling green hills chiseled against an azure sky as we trekked from vineyard to vineyard. We'd pick up bunks of cheese and sausage, a loaf or two of crusty bread and picnic in the shade of an olive or oak tree set back from the highway, sampling the most recently acquired bottle of zinfandel or cabernet. Our friend Zeldia Gordon, a professional recipe developer who once had a cooking school recalled, "When I moved to San Francisco in the late '60s, the only wine-country restaurants were little Italian joints, serving mainly the people who worked at the wineries."

But the past decade has seen a big change in this valley, Sonoma, and Mendocino. Along with some of the less-than-delightful growth in the towns and the proliferation of shopping malls and tourist traps, the wine country has become food country as well—a logical development, considering the natural marriage of food and wine, and the emergence of California as a center of American cuisine.

Now, just as when we visit Burgundy or the Loire Valley, Judy and I come as much for the food as the wine—and the mating is usually lyrical. The so-called "California cuisine" of the '80s has improved immensely, zeroing in on real taste rather than exotic combinations of foodstuffs that read better on the menu than they felt in your mouth. Preciousness has given way to flavor—despite a few conceits such as the "architectural" presentation, where contemporary chefs use one or another device to create a dish almost as tall as your plate is wide.

This trip we visited some established dining favorites along the wine trails and discovered a few new ones destined to draw us back. The biggest dining news here is the just opened Wine Spectator Greystone restaurant, operated by the Hyde Park, New York-based Culinary Institute of America—the country's leading school for professional chefs—which just opened its California branch in a remarkable old stone building that was once the main Christian Brothers winery near St. Helena.

The huge restaurant, which occupies less than a

quarter of the building, is decorated with gaily colored tiles and features completely open baking and cooking areas, melding restaurant and preparation sections into a magnificent whole. From any table you can watch the chefs at work—or sit at the big, comfortable bar area and chat with some of the food preparers while nosing tapas.

The food is pan-Mediterranean—say, octopus braised in a merlot sauce or an Arabic tagine of monkfish with caper berries and preserved lemons with cous cous or spit-roasted Sonoma lamb with white beans and truffle oil—and the prices mercifully moderate.

We were lucky enough to get there on opening day and have a tasting of a half-dozen well prepared items. But we were not lucky enough—even using clout—to get a reservation at the French Laundry, the critically acclaimed, year-old, fine dining spot that was booked solid the entire month we were there! But another new spot, Mark Allen, in Yountville, provided more than consolation. The restaurant's crisp, airy decor lends a comfortable, semiformal backdrop for chef Mark Catrambone's sleek offerings, including heartily flavored Asian cabbage and chicken dumplings dipped in an aioli sparked by Sichuan peppercorns. Judy hit the jackpot with a beautifully crusted yet rosy rare rack of lamb strewn with celery root chips; I feasted on succulent wild mushroom and rabbit ravioli in a brandy-thyme sauce. Among the remarkable desserts was a tall cone of white chocolate dripped with dark, capped with a crisp cookie and set

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amid colorful splashes of sweet creme.

One lunch, good enough to draw us back for dinner, was at the Brava Terrace, a pleasant bistrot attached to the estimable Freemark Abbey winery, north of St. Helena, where chef Fred Halpert does such



The Wineries of Fetzer Food and Wine Center is among 12 Napa Valley wineries emerging as the center of American cuisine as well as wine.

staff as dressing up local sausages with an almond-based Romesco sauce. His herb crusted calamari, zapped with a fiery barissa mayo sauce was one of the best treatments of fried squid I've tasted.

Unquestionably one of the best dinner spots in the valley is Terra, half hidden in an anonymous stone building near the railroad in St. Helena. The chef's style here merges California with Franco-Asian touches, as with a salmon fillet livened up with a Thai red curry sauce and soothed with basmati rice—or broiled seabass marinated in sake, accompanied by delicate shrimp dumplings in shiso broth.

Perhaps the most elegant dining is at Domaine Chandon, a gorgeous, triple-tiered, glass-walled space at the bubbly producing winery of the same name in Yountville. Chef Philippe Jeanty's masterworks are contemporary French, exemplified by an unctuous roast sturgeon on a bed of leeks, mated with a ragout of flageolet beans and chanterelles; even more exotic were Judy's caramelized scallops touched with vanilla and a sweet-pea sauce.

A couple of standbys always worth a visit are Mustards Grill, a terrific Yountville roadhouse with an amazing collection not only of wines but microbrew-

ery beers as well, and its sister spot Tra Vigne, in St. Helena, with a charming, vine-entwined terrace, as its name suggests. The former dishes up straight-ahead but always intriguing stuff such as grilled calves liver with caramelized onions and sweet chili sauce or smoked duck with onion-almond sauce; the latter is modern Italian, with a fabulous spread of designer pizzas and pastas and fascinators such as grilled polenta with wild mushrooms and balsamic game sauce.

Neighboring Sonoma Valley does not have quite the same broad array of good eating places, but several we tried during our visits there were well worth-while—most notably the Kenwood Restaurant near the village of the same name. A big, bright place warmed by huge, colorful paintings, it serves excellent, straightforward American fare, such as first-rate, crisp and impeccably flavored crab cakes, classic pates and a great clear-broth, saffron-laced bouillabaisse overflowing with all manner of sweet local seafood. Braised rabbit with polenta was yet another winner.

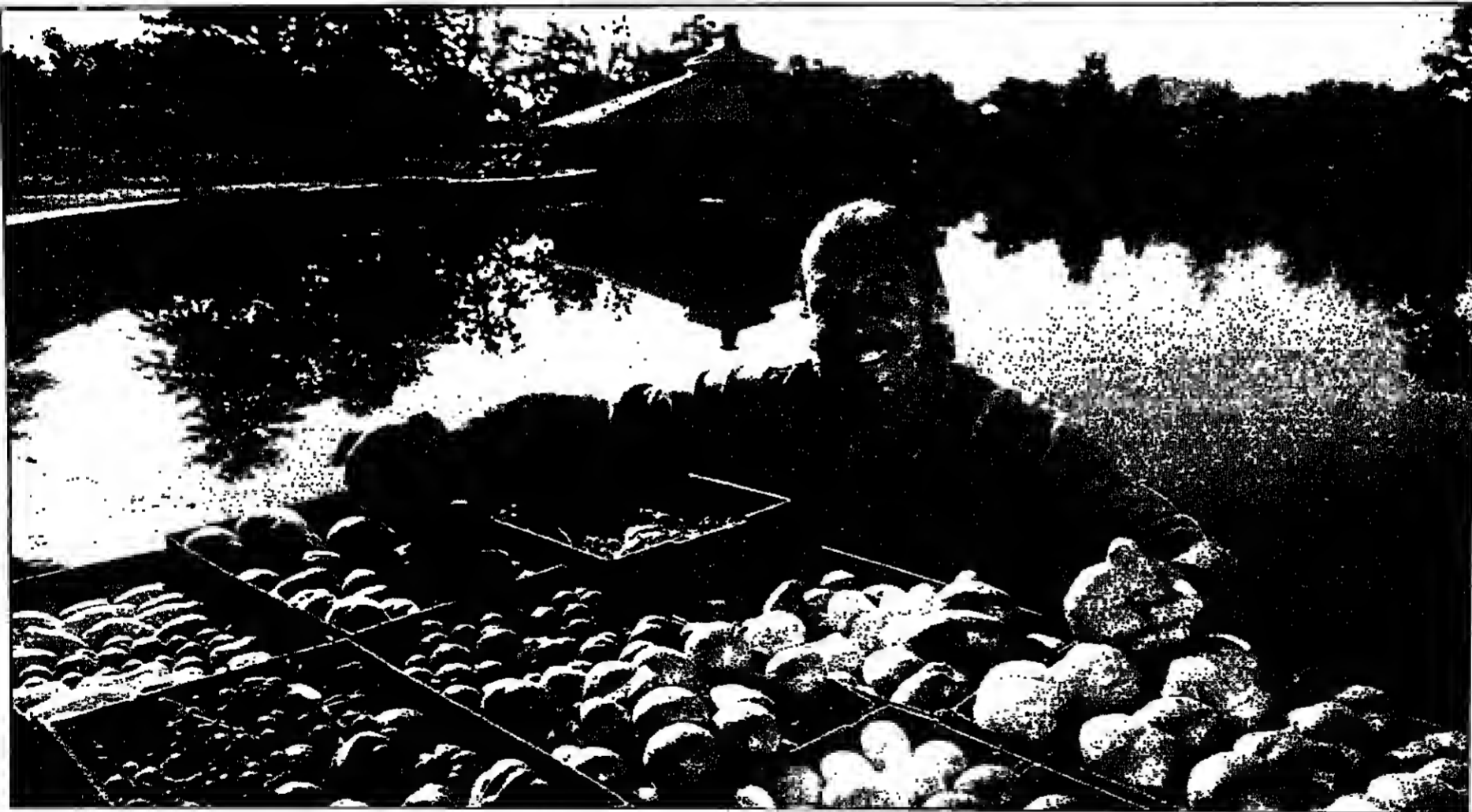
More wonderful seafood, decked out with a multitude of Asian and other unusual sauces, is served at the East Side Oyster Bar in the lovely town of Sonoma. Out on the vine robed, patio I also had the

ultimate in architectural presentations, a seven-layered "tower" of grilled vegetables and salsas on a sticky-rice base, topped with an inch-and-a-half thick slab of lightly smoked sauteed salmon. Our vegetarian friend Kathy found bliss here, too, with their gigantic vegetable-sampling platter.

Babette's Restaurant and Wine Bar, tucked away on a small cobblestone street in Sonoma, gives you the choice of a moderate-priced cafe menu—which included a great grilled halibut on a bed of ratatouille and a bowl of plump, juicy mussels steamed in a lemon-tinged broth—or, in the main room, a choice of superb three- and five-course tasting dinners. Chef Daniel Peterson's foie gras is justifiably famous.

Finally, The General's Daughter, set in a big, smartly restored, yellow Victorian Sotomina house, is a popular spot as much for its quaint setting as its food. We enjoyed items such as a prosciutto-wrapped fig salad, but found several of the fried items excessively oily. Limit this to cocktails or snacks.

Don Rose is a Chicago area freelance writer.



Some California wineries are home to organic gardens that test many varieties of veggies.

Napa Restaurants

Brava Terrace, 3010 North St. Helena Highway, St. Helena
(001) 707/963-9600

Domaine Chandon, 1 California Drive, Yountville
(001) 707/944-2892

Mark Allen, 6795 Washington Street, Yountville
(001) 707/944-0168

Mustards Grill, 7399 St. Helena Highway, Yountville
(001) 707/944-6274

Terra, 1345 Railroad Avenue, St. Helena
(001) 707/963-8931

Tra Vigne, 1831 Chateau Oak Avenue, St. Helena
(001) 707/963-4444

Wine Spectator Greystone, 2355 Main Street, St. Helena
(001) 707/967-1010

Sonoma Valley Restaurants

Babette's Restaurant and Wine Bar, 464 1st Street East, Sonoma
(001) 707/939-8921

East Side Oyster Bar and Grill, 133 East Napa Street, Sonoma
(001) 707/939-1266

The General's Daughter, 401 E. Spauld Street, Sonoma
(001) 707/938-4004

Kenwood Restaurant, 900 Highway 12, Kenwood
(001) 707/883-6326

Mendocino County

Fetzer Food and Wine Center, 13601 East Side Road, Hopland
(001) 707/744-1250

San Francisco Savings

The Kimpton Group, which owns a number of boutique hotels in the Foggy City, is offering special summer savings.

From May 29 through September 10, the chic Hotel Triton will offer the "Triton Delight Package." Priced at \$250 for two consecutive nights or \$348 for three nights, it includes overnight parking, a Hotel Triton rubber duck, evening wine reception and morning coffee service in the lobby. The Hotel Triton is located across the street from the gates of Chinatown, one block from the financial district and three blocks from Union Square.

Even closer to bustling Union Square is the recently renovated Cartwright Hotel, and its "Summer Sail Package" extends through Dec. 31. Priced at \$115 per night, single or double occupancy, it includes two Bay cruise tickets, an hour of complimentary in-room Nintendo play,

Continental breakfast, afternoon tea, evening wine service, unlimited workout passes at a nearby gym and a shopping coupon for Pier 39.

The Prescott Hotel's "Bed and Breakfast Package" is priced at \$125 for a deluxe guest room and \$225 for a deluxe suite. Available through Dec. 30, it includes breakfast for two each day through room service or in the Postrio restaurant, one in-room movie per stay, morning coffee and tea service in the lobby and evening wine reception.

Just opened last year, the Hotel Monaco is offering a "Les Jour D'Ele (Days of Summer)" package, May 24 through August 31. With rates from \$129 per night, it includes morning coffee service and evening wine reception in the lobby living room, access to an on-site fitness center and spa, and morning newspaper delivered to the room.

FYI: Hotel Triton, 342 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, California 94108; (001) 415/394-0500. Cartwright Hotel, 524 Sutter Street, San

Francisco, California 94102; (001) 415/422-2865. Prescott Hotel, 545 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102; (001) 415/663-0809. Hotel Monaco, 501 Geary Street, San Francisco, California 94102; (001) 415/252-0100.

Road Trip

It's fun to see America by car, but once you've driven to your destination, signposting along the way, do you really want to drive back? The Avis/Preferred Holidays "See America" program takes care of that hassle with a seven-night fly/drive plan from April 8 through June 15 that allows travelers to drive from Florida or Arizona in a Chrysler Sebring convertible to destinations in the Northeast, Midwest or California and fly back.

Prices start at \$299 per person; double occupancy, from Arizona or \$389 from Florida, including one-way economy airfare, an international-stay

with unlimited mileage and no drop-off charge, and seven nights' lodging. Accommodations are in Florida, Missouri, Riverside or Days Inns; travelers may pay a little more to upgrade to Holiday Inns. Reservations and full payment are due 14 days prior to departure.

The eight Florida airport pickup locations are: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tampa and West Palm Beach. The Northeast/ Midwest drop-off points are: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, New York and Houston.

In the West, travelers can pick up cars in Phoenix or Tucson, Ariz., and drop them off at California airports in Orange County, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose.

Avis/Preferred Holidays, 1203 Southwest 41st Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33315.

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CRUISIN' CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

By River and Even By Balloon

By Stanton H. Patty

SAN FRANCISCO, California—It's a saucy little cruise, with a hint of decadence. There is a ship down from Alaska—the Spirit of Alaska—that will roam California's wine country on cruises from San Francisco.

Passengers will be treated to wine tastings aboard, then visit three Napa Valley wineries.

But it isn't all about grapes. There will be calls at Old Sacramento, the historic district of California's capital, and Sonoma, the old mission town north of San Francisco.

And if you wish, there will be time to ride a hot-air balloon over the Napa vineyards or wrap in an herbal blanket in a fancy spa.

The overture is a trim under the Golden Gate Bridge at sunset. The finale is a farewell party as the skipper drops anchor out front of the night lights of

downtown San Francisco.

Both three-night (Friday to Monday) and four-night (Monday to Friday) getaways are offered. Departures are scheduled from September 27 through November 22.

In addition, there will be a seven-night cruise, departing San Francisco on November 25.

It's a combination of casual, small-vessel cruising and a Huckleberry Finn kind of adventuring as the 82-passenger ship leaves San Francisco Bay to explore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

There are quiet waterways behind levees there where great blue herons and red-tailed hawks soar. There are tales to tell of California's fabled gold rush and the Pony Express.

And, weather permitting, there will be a picnic on the Sun Deck. The main course: Alaska salmon.

"Dawdling on the delta," is how Wendy Steedford, Spirit of Alaska's cruise coordinator, describes the trip. Remember Humphrey, the humpback whale?

One day in 1985 Humphrey was cruising down

from Alaska to Baja California when he decided to cross under the Golden Gate Bridge and go sightseeing in the Sacramento River.

Things did not go smoothly for the 45-foot-long whale. Once Humphrey was stranded on a sandbar. Another time he was trapped in a dead-end slough. Spectators cheered as Humphrey finally broke free and swam out to sea.

Not to worry.

Capt. David Martin and his crew know the way to the wine country. They rehearsed the itinerary last fall.

There was an amusing moment then as Spirit of Alaska approached the pier at Old Sacramento.

The ship's northland name caught the attention of a chap on shore.

"Ahoy, there," he called, "are you from Alaska?"

A passenger responded in jest: "Is this Juneau?"

This is not your usual cruise destination. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a maze of more than a half-million low-lying acres laced by inland waterways that push down to the edge of San Francisco Bay.

Spirit of Alaska seems right at home here, in shallow waters beyond the reach of large liners.

The nimble little ship swings around lumbering houseboats and throaty ski boats in the delta's web of sloughs, canals and assorted other channels.

Sports anglers out for chinook salmon wave a welcome. One delta resident said he caught a 12-pounder, almost in his backyard.

"That salmon probably swam all the way home from Alaska," a passenger said.

"Glad it did," said the happy fisherman.

San Francisco itself sets a glamorous theme for the cruise.

The first wine bottles are uncorked as garlands of light spread across the city's high rise skyline.

It's time for "Wine Tasting 101." Kendall Zanelli, an on-board wine expert, guides passengers through the process....

1. Appearance. "Look at the color and clarity," she said.

2. Swirling. "It releases the aroma." (You may end up swirling morning coffee from now on.)

3. Smell of the wine. "Most of your taste comes from your sense of smell," Zanelli said.

4. Take a little sip. "Run the wine all over your tongue to get the flavor."

Don't be intimidated, if you just are learning about wines.

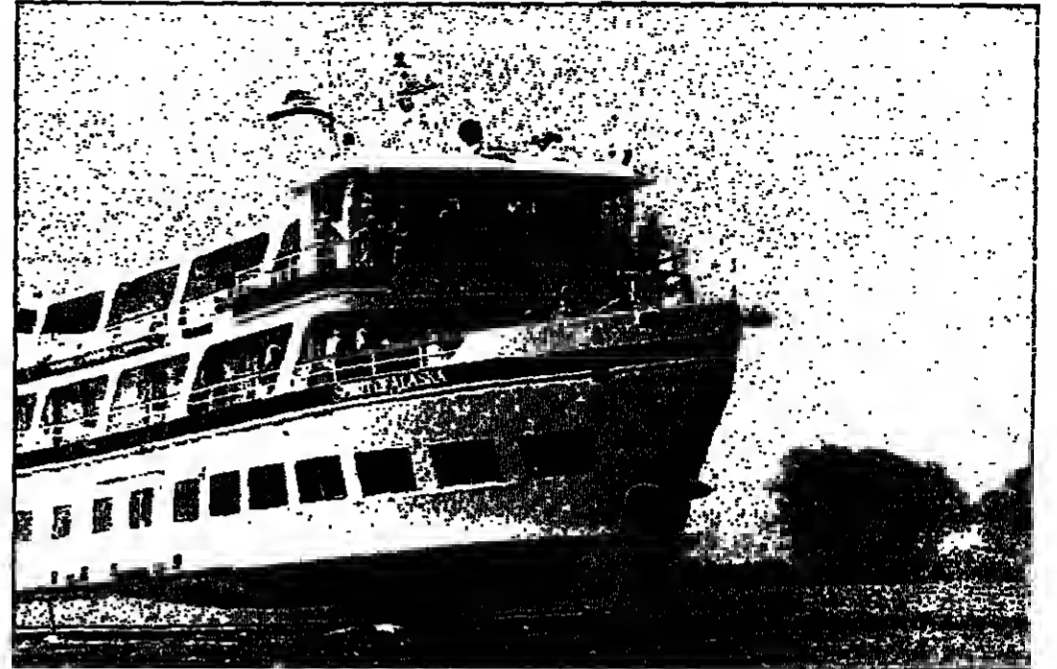
"The important thing is to find out what you like," Zanelli said.

There will be opportunities each evening to match your favorite wines with Spirit of Alaska's cuisine. And then there are those visits to the Napa Valley wineries.

Spirit of Alaska carries two exercise bikes for guests. Get in line. Or walk off some of those calories with a stroll through Old Sacramento.

The city that brought you the California gold rush of 1849 is bringing it back again with a dazzling restoration of Sacramento's early times. The historic zone, with 28 acres of vintage buildings and dozens of shops and restaurants, is stitched to California's capital like a fringe of antique lace on a new gown.

Old Sacramento is where much of California's history began—the pony Pony Express, Wells Fargo



The Spirit of Alaska roams California's wine country.

stagecoaches. America's transcontinental railroad, elegant paddle wheel riverboats.

A procession of notables moved through Old Sacramento—John Sutter, who started the stampede for gold; Kit Carson, the frontier scout; Mark Twain, the author; John C. Fremont, the military explorer who played a part in wresting California from Mexico; Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, etc.

Spirit of Alaska moves on, upriver, as a fiery sunset gilds Old Sacramento.

Next morning: a wake-up call in wine country.

Spirit of Alaska is moored in a loop of the Napa River. The greengold vineyards around are laden with clusters of grapes.

"Life is a cabernet," is the wording on one passenger's T-shirt.

Minnette Lenier, a passenger from Woodland Hills, California, looks out over the Napa Valley and begins singing, "Oh, what a beautiful morning..."

"I sing when I'm happy," she said.

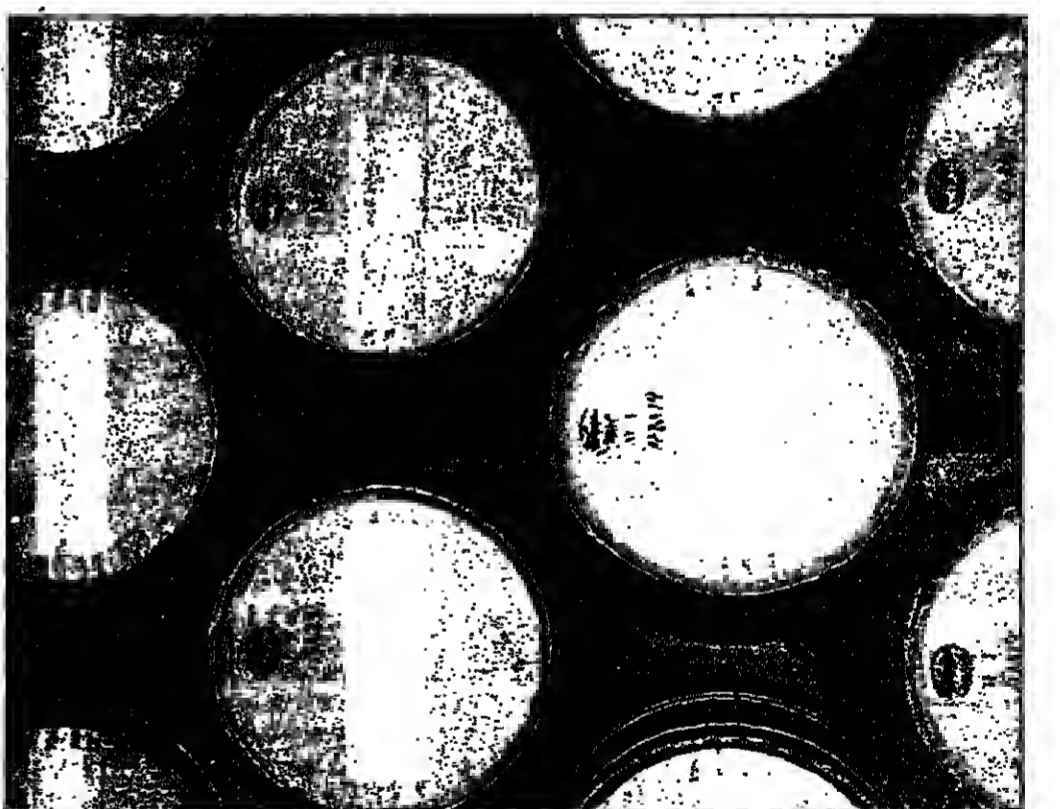
Later, passengers gather in the cool caves of the Schramsberg vineyards near Calistoga to sample sparkling wine.

It is a festive scene. Schramsberg has 2-1/2 million bottles stacked with almost 3 million bottles of gently aging champagne.

Life is good. Cheers.

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Coast Starlight: A Dream of a Train Ride

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll

Chicago Sun-Times

OLYMPIA, Washington—Small wonder that the Coast Starlight from Seattle to Los Angeles is billed as Amtrak's most popular train. It's the most luxurious in the nation and it's on the most scenic route.

Puget Sound, the Mt. St. Helens volcano, Mt. Shasta, a number of river valleys, several mountain ranges and passes, fields of flowers and grapes and long stretches of Pacific coast are among the scenic highlights as the modern, comfortable train makes the 1,389-mile run in 35 hours.

The coach seats are comfortable and the windows next to them wide, but it's the sleeping car service that draws rail fans and local users back again and again. There are economy bedrooms that sleep one or two, and gave me the best night's sleep on a train I've had in a lifetime of rail travel.

Next up in luxury are deluxe bedrooms with toilet, washbasin and shower in the unit, and family bedrooms designed to sleep two adults and two children, or to accommodate people with physical disabilities. If you have an economy bedroom, you may use one of several fairly spacious shower rooms, where each push of a button gives you 20 seconds of hot, high-pressure water.

When you travel in a sleeping car, your fare includes all meals, non-stop serve-yourself coffee service in each sleeping car, access to the dome car, and use of the latest luxury feature, the Pacific Parlor Car. Only sleeper passengers may use the parlor car, which features cushy seats, panoramic windows, a little library, games for children and adults, feature-length movies, free rolls and coffee in the morning and an afternoon hospitality hour with wines from vineyards along the route.

The Pacific Parlor Car was added last May, along

with upgraded service for first-class passengers that includes fresh flowers, embossed stationery, deluxe toiletries and a parting gift, which might be a coffee mug, thermos bag or digital clock, all of which bear the Coast Starlight logo.

Service is daily most of the year, but from now until March 13 there are just five trains a week each way.

Until Amtrak was created in 1971 to take over the nation's passenger railroads, there was no Los Angeles-Seattle train. You took one train from Los Angeles to San Francisco, another from San Francisco to Portland, Oregon, and a third from Portland to Seattle. Amtrak inaugurated a through train in 1971, made it a daily in 1973, and began upgrading aged equipment in 1981. The name Coast Starlight was combined from names of some of the old shorter-haul trains on the route.

The train was one of Amtrak's most successful, drawing a half-million passengers a year. The economic downturn of the early 1990s cut ridership there and elsewhere on Amtrak, as did late arrivals and general Amtrak image problems, plus airfare wars on West Coast routes. Improvements to the train in 1995 saw an immediate 10 percent jump in ridership.

I rode the Coast Starlight north to south in October after a cross-country drive with friends who were moving to Olympia, Wash. The rail trip was a delight from the minute we pulled up to the station at Olympia, about 90 minutes south of Seattle.

Olympia's new Centennial Station, built to celebrate the capital city's 100th anniversary was a delight. The station is out in the country between Olympia and next-door Lacey, Washington. It's a big brick building with lots of windows, including some decorative stained glass, really nice rest rooms, a number of food vending machines, and a large parking lot.

Centennial Station was built as a volunteer effort and it's staffed entirely by volunteers, who said the previous structure was a dilapidated shack with Porta-Potties. No Amtrak personnel work here so tickets



The Coast Starlight, billed as Amtrak's most popular train, is the most luxurious in the nation and it's on the most scenic route.

can't be sold, but the volunteers work the counter and provide information. They also hustle outside when trains approach, open and close gates, and help passengers with baggage.

Amtrak provides a large route map detailing 90 sights along the way. Pay attention to the map, the timetable and your wristwatch and you'll know right where you are and what you're seeing the entire trip (making allowances for the train running late, as it did because of a signal problem near the Columbia River).

Don't expect to see much of the Pacific Ocean, despite the name Coast Starlight. Most of the route is inland.

The train starts from Seattle's downtown station, near the harbor, with the space needle in sight to the north. It runs past Boeing Field, where the original aircraft manufacturing plant now is a museum, through the Puyallup Indian reservation, through Tacoma, and edges the Puget Sound.

The first excitement south of Olympia comes near Centralia. Look east and you'll see Mt. St. Helens. Gray ash from its disastrous 1980 volcanic eruption still can be seen in the countryside. The day I passed by the mountain was wearing a pillbox-style cloud hat.

The Columbia River is mostly hidden by swamps and trees until the actual crossing at Portland, Oregon, a city with many handsome bridges. The next stretch of track runs along the Willamette River for 145 miles, passing little waterfalls, vineyards, and at Oregon City, a cluster of covered wagons that are an interpretive center about pioneer wagon trains.

Past Eugene, Oregon, the "lumber capital of the United States," the train begins a long, slow climb up "the Hill," where tracks rise 3,600 feet in 44 miles to Cascade Summit, a pass through the Cascade Mountains in the Willamette National Forest. We pass places like Lookout Point reservoir and the little town of Westfir, with its red-covered bridge.

It's dark so I go to bed. Early in the morning we pass Mt. Shasta. Only in high summer is there light early enough to see it. Grrrr.

Day breaks cloudy and gray. We pause at Richmond, California, for passengers connecting to BART, the Bay Area Rapid Transit system. There's a

longer stop at Oakland, where shuttle buses take passengers to San Francisco. Just south of the station is the redeveloped Jack London Square, named for the author of Call of the Wild. We pass San Francisco Bay on the way toward San Jose, computer capital of the world.

From Oakland to Los Angeles the tracks follow the Camino Real, the old mission road established by the Franciscan Friar Junipero Serra, who established a long chain of missions one day's horseback journey apart.

We pass through fields of flowers where men are picking gladioli by the ton. Palm trees appear. We take the Pajaro Gap through the low Santa Cruz Mountains, which look rather like steep, sandy little hills. There are more flower fields, rows of greenhouses, acres of perfect green at a turf farm. Lunch coincides with rough roadbed. I pick up my bowl of chicken soup and drink some of it down before it can become a fashion accessory. The girl across the aisle gets a whole glass of ice water in her lap.

More mountains, tunnels and a sharp downgrade as we enter the famous Horseshoe Curves, where you can photograph the front of the train while standing on the rear of the train. Near Santa Barbara we come back to the coast and pass a tiny area whose microclimate makes it suitable for growing bananas. Soon we see off-shore oil wells.

Heading inland again, we run through the Simi Valley into the San Fernando Valley, rugged backdrop for many movies including "North by Northwest." It's getting dark. In summer we'd still be able to see the Hollywood-Burbank airport, home of the Lockheed aircraft plant, and the movie and television studios in Burbank. Other sights when the light lingers are the Spanish-style Glendale railroad station, the concrete-lined Los Angeles River and Dodger Stadium.

It's 8 p.m. One hour late, we roll into the Spanish Art Deco Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal, where a free train shuttles passengers and baggage from platform to waiting room. I say goodbye to friends made on the train and wish I could catch the northbound Coast Starlight tomorrow morning instead of heading for the airport and home.



Photos by Brenda Warner-Rotzoll

Olympia's new Centennial Station was built by volunteers to celebrate the Washington State Capital city's 100th anniversary.

IF YOU GO

Easy flexible, book months ahead, or both. The Coast Starlight is Amtrak's most popular train and you can't always get the accommodations you want on the date you want.

You may board at any of the stops, but a bedroom costs about the same whatever the length of the journey, as it's hard for Amtrak to sell rooms for short segments.

The economy bedroom fare for one person for the full length of the route is \$297. That's \$149 for the room and \$148 for the fare—any one taking a bedroom automatically is charged the lowest available fare. Two people in an economy bedroom would be \$445, while two in a deluxe bedroom would be \$605. For other fares and routes, call a travel agent or call Amtrak.

Coach passengers pay for meals. All meals are included in sleeping car fares.

Want to be well-served in case a letter had come or you'd better check? Call Sylvia Blahnik at Account Air Travel in Menasha Falls, Oregon, at (800) 585/885-7330. The fine specialties in Amtrak and Canadian rail travel and the computer capability of finding better accommodations without reservations are called "The Jet is \$25."

Want to go on to Vancouver, British Columbia? Amtrak has a bus connection that departs at 11:30 a.m. from Seattle and takes the Mt. Rainier International, a deluxe train that leaves Seattle at 7:15 a.m., arriving in Vancouver at 11:30 a.m. It leaves Vancouver at 9 a.m. and arrives in Seattle at 10:15 p.m. The bus takes an inland route. The train follows the edge of Puget Sound with gorgeous views of the mountains and of luxury houses built along it.

Monterey

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Monterey and Carmel extend toward tourists—is the same.

If you're a kid, it's a great place to learn about marine life and plant life and rocks. Rent bikes or blades from Adventures by the Sea in Monterey, and you can drag Mom and Dad down the Monterey Peninsula Recreation Trail, which runs right behind the awesome Monterey Bay Aquarium.

In cinema-perfect Carmel-by-the-Sea, you can watch the sand sculptors on the beach and chase the waves.

For biking, the Point Lobos State Preserve is suited to walkers of all abilities. For natural history, the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum is a wonderland of bird and butterfly lore, among other things.

Then there's the special kids' treasure hunt inside the Maritime Museum of Monterey, where a real light-house beacon rotates hypnotically around an incredible number of shipping artifacts. To see a working lighthouse, try Point Pinos on Monterey Bay's southernmost headland—the oldest active lighthouse on the West Coast.

On Cannery Row, you can visit the odd little Steinbeck's Spirit of Monterey Wax Museum, see the slowly gentrifying buildings where his characters lived, then walk along the pier and bark at the sea lions. Maybe a translucent purple jellyfish will drift your way.

Meanwhile, Monterey's kitschy little fisherman's wharf is the numero uno place to see pelicans up close while you wait for Cap'n Randy's whale-watching boat to take you on a stomach-churning cruise in search of the migrating monoliths, who travel 50 miles a day on their way from Alaska to Mexico.

If a smaller vessel—a kayak, for instance—is more your thing, don't forget your pocketknife. You never know what you might be called upon to rescue.

Mary Gillespie is a Chicago area freelance writer.

GETTING THERE:

American Airlines' American Eagle turbo-prop fly through Los Angeles and San Francisco into tiny Monterey Airport, where you actually tread the tarmac to get to the gate.

STAYING THERE:

For romance and luxury, try Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club (001) 408/624-1581 or Post Ranch Inn at Big Sur (001) 408/667-2200. For in-town Monterey family lodgings, try the Doubletree Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf (001) 408/649-4811 or the Monterey Bay Inn on Cannery Row (001) 408/373-6242. The Monterey Visitor's Center can be reached at (001) 408/649-1770.

EATING THERE:

The gourmet pancakes at Great Awakenings in Pacific Grove ... the prawns and pasta at Cafe Fina on Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf ... the rack of lamb at the Covey of Quail Lodge ... the ginger-cilantro seared tuna at Roy's of Pebble Beach ... the artichoke soup at Bradley's Harbor-Front Restaurant in Monterey ... the grilled portobello mushrooms at Montro in downtown Monterey ... the salmon at the Portola Restaurant inside the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

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Aquarium's New Wing Adds to a Great Experience

You'd think it would be the barracudas or the sharks or the 10-foot sunfish that would first take your breath away.

But it's the anchovies.

At the entrance of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's new \$57 million Outer Bay Wing, the creatures we know best as pizza toppings swim madly, hypnotically, endlessly in a circular blue wave above your head. In the rippling light, through a womblike space evocative of the open sea, you enter a gallery featuring the widest window on the planet: a 54-foot-long, 78,000-lb. piece of acrylic behind which swim some of the underwater universe's most astonishing lifeforms.

Making the ordinary extraordinary—and providing fascinating microcosms of the Monterey Bay macrocosm—are business as usual at the 11-year-old aquarium, built by a quartet of marine biologists on the site of an old sardine cannery on the Cannery Row made famous by author John Steinbeck.

The Outer Bay Wing, which officially opens March 2, represents the aquarium's latest attempt at explaining the complex underwater world of Monterey Bay, an astonishing ecosystem akin in scope and diversity to an undersea Grand Canyon.

The centerpiece of the new wing is the three-story, million-gallon indoor ocean showcasing the sun-dappled waters where the bay meets the open sea. It contains more water than all the original exhibits combined and is home to soupfin sharks,

green sea turtles, pelagic stingrays and schools of tuna, among many others.

The aquarium's (slightly) eccentric, mechanical replica of the dense kelp forest—its home to sea urchins, giant green anemones and halibut brood plants, are aimed at educating more than 1.5 million visitors a year about the largest protected marine sanctuary in the Northern Hemisphere. Situated directly in the water, with more than 250,000 creatures in exhibit, that feed onto outdoor decks perfect for birdwatching, the aquarium recently opened by water from the out of its displays daily to ensure authenticity.

"We are essentially a window on the bay," said Ken Peterson of the aquarium. "We have never tried to overreach our goal, which is to form a link to life in Monterey Bay. When people say they want to see whales, we tell them to look on the large glass replicas suspended from the ceiling [on one of the window [at gray whales crossing past on their migration from Alaska to Mexico]."

The goal of all the exhibits, says director Julie Packard—who helped found the aquarium with her own marine biology expertise and money from her wealthy father, electronics magnate David

the new wing, which expands the aquarium's exhibit space by 45 percent, takes on the challenge of teaching visitors about the open ocean, where Monterey Bay meets the deep blue sea. While the original exhibit was full of intriguing, mysterious and often creative taxidermy, the Outer Bay Wing features many specimens and displays, including the world's largest collection of jellyfish.

In 1997, aquarium directors plan to open an exhibit showcasing the final piece of the underwater puzzle—the alien, bioluminescent life that thrives in the perpetual darkness of the Monterey Canyon, 1000 feet below the surface.

Though it's not cheap—when the Outer Bay Wing opens, admission will be \$13.75 for adults and \$6 for kids—it would be hard to find a better, grander place than the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where little kids (as well as big ones) can stroke a starfish and get a better look at a globe by a special "rotating pool."

The new Outer Bay Wing offers a through 7-year-olds a structure of their own called "Cliffy, Fluffy and Fun," in which kids can learn about marine mammals as they play.

Also on view through next January is "Deadly Beauties," a special exhibition of the most poisonous tropical sea creatures on earth.

The best seat in the house—or any house—from which to watch frolicking sea otters, sea lion ball chasers and in the aquarium's Pavilion Cafe, open during aquarium hours, which are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 25 to September 2. For information, call (800) 408-6242.

Mary Gillespie



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Expert braves concrete jungle to save orangutans

It was a spur-of-the-moment decision. Birute Galdikas plunged her hand into her pocket, pulled out \$5 and a tiny, orange infant with an elongated, wrinkled face was hers.

Galdikas had barely left the comforts of US academic life to study the elusive red apes of central Borneo when she was thrust into a lifelong crusade to save the orangutan from extinction.

"When I arrived, there was little known about orangutans in the wild," she said.

"But almost immediately, I became involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of wild-born orangutans who had been captured by humans to keep as pets or to sell to zoos, circuses and laboratories."

It began with Sugito, the scrawny, squeaking infant she got from a small, wooden crate 25 years ago for \$5 with the aim of eventually returning him to the wild. The local people, including high-ranking government officials, openly kept orangutans as pets.

"Day by day, Sugito insinuated himself into my life. Gradually, I became accustomed to the clinging; I grew used to the warm, sometimes moist, bundle on my body," recounts Galdikas in *Reflections of Eden*, her own account of her life with the orangutans of Borneo.

"If I held him away from me he howled piteously. When I persisted... he threw a temper tantrum. Climbing away from me, he would fall, seemingly purposefully, and repeatedly bang his head against

A former academic finds that helping return orangutans to the wild has taught her a lot about people, Mary Binks reports from Hong Kong

our bark floor, screaming all the while."

Galdikas's crusade to free orangutans knew no bounds. She had once tried to rescue a young orangutan she saw sandwiched between a poodle and a Persian kitten in a fashionable pet shop in Taiwan's capital, Taipei.

"Had I had \$5,000 [US] in my pocket, I would have walked away with that orangutan, but they didn't take credit cards," she said.

SOON GALDIKAS became surrogate mother to a growing number of orphaned orangutans, living deep in the tropical jungle of Indonesia, with leeches, carnivorous insects and a pervasive humidity which roiled her belongings within a year.

"Within months, our hut was filled to the brim with 'children,' furry orange children to be sure, orangutans, but 'children' nonetheless in that all considered me to be their mother. I was a cross-species mother."

Galdikas's own son spent his early years at her makeshift rehabilitation center for orphaned apes. Adopted orangutans were the

child's only playmates.

It was a life full of learning and reward, but not without cost. The young woman who, on a whim, began to rescue orphaned and captive orangutans, soon found that her life among people was slowly unraveling.

Her first marriage, the partnership that had brought her into the wilds of Borneo, ended. Her way of life became the interchangeable pattern of life around her - the trials and tribulations of the wild-born captive orangutans she had liberated.

Her second husband, an indigent Dayak farmer, insisted on two rules. Galdikas had to put her own children first, and the orangutans would not be allowed in the house.

In the past quarter-century, Galdikas has managed to liberate 150 orangutans from captivity, but this is only a small portion of those under threat.

In the wilds of Indonesia and Malaysia, there are now fewer than 35,000 orangutans, a population which has halved in the past 50 years. And they are being pushed further toward extinction by deforestation, poaching and a thriving



A baby orangutan is presented to the public at the zoo in Krefeld, Germany. (AP)

Kansas City Jews counter the religious right

In most metropolitan areas, while the Jewish community is a minority compared with the broader population, there are usually enough Jews to ensure the concerns of the community are safeguarded.

But in some places in the US, the Jewish community constitutes a trivial portion of the population, and it sometimes has to take on a more aggressive role to protect its interests, as well as the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

Such is the case in the Greater Kansas City area, where only about 20,000 Jews live.

The Jewish Community Relations Bureau there has formed a group, titled "Defending Democracy," to fend off attacks by the religious right and others.

"What we fear is an erosion of our constitutional rights; separation of

church and state is in danger; survival of public education in our state is on the table; and the pluralistic nature of our democratic society is at risk," believes Carol Sader, the chairwoman of Defending Democracy, a board member of the JCRB and a former state representative.

Sader says that the impact of these scenarios goes beyond the Jewish community. Therefore Defending Democracy's goals are to "educate the citizens and help them see through the rhetoric."

The program has several main components that its 300 to 400 activists are involved with: a media monitoring and response committee; an observer corps to monitor meetings of various levels of government; a speaker's bureau; a legislative advocacy group to lobby government and testify at governmental hearings; and a voter registration

committee.

Organizers believe it is the first group of its kind in the country begun by a Jewish community relations council or bureau.

Jewish organizations tend to shy away from getting too deeply involved in efforts within the political realm because this may lead them to forgo their non-tax status.

While Sader says her group does not support or endorse any candidate, it does concentrate on the issues. Organizers feel that the threat is too great not to.

According to Sader, "The impetus for our starting was the growing concern about the radical right and its influence in politics in the county and the nation." Many of the members live in Johnson County, Kansas.

In the county, Sader said, the Republican Party is the majority and

the GOP has been "essentially taken over by the radical right." This occurred, she added, in January 1995. All of the candidates - now office holders - are open about where they stand, not like elsewhere where they run as stealth candidates, not revealing their allegiance to the religious right until they are in office.

"I think it's very frightening," says Gina Kaiser, co-chairperson of Defending Democracy's legislative advocacy group. "The county which we live in has always been a Republican county. In the past, it was mainstream Republican. That's no longer true."

For example, she said that Blaine Friedline, chairman of the Johnson County GOP, has proclaimed that "if you don't believe in Jesus Christ, you will be damned."

The religious right, Sader maintains,

has controlled the Kansas State House since the 1994 elections, attempting to introduce bills, the effect of which, according to Sader, would "encourage school personnel to recite in classrooms and post in public schools quotes taken from American historical documents - many of them full of very sectarian terms and ideas" which the religious right will try to use "in lieu of school prayer."

THE ultimate goal of the religious right, Sader maintains, is to bring the issue before the United States Supreme Court - and triumph.

Her opponents, she says, "are wrapped in patriotism, and at the same time are desecrating the First Amendment."

"I think the Jewish community is now being sensitized in the fact that the normal swing of the [political]

pendulum to the right may not swing back to the center by itself."

Sader says she feels that "Those who are at the nucleus of the Christian Coalition ultimately want to turn our democracy into a theocracy. This would imperil the survival of Judaism in the United States."

"Nothing's happened yet," Kaiser says, "but it could happen. Those that don't want them in, have to be vigilant."

Kaiser, who says she grew up on Long Island, adds that she does not feel like an outsider or threatened in her community. "Nobody points to you as a Jew or says derogatory things. I don't feel the Christian Coalition breathing down my neck."

But still, she says, she feels the need to "bring the issues to the people's attention."

(Jewish Exponent)

Remember: You could be the one hurt in a love triangle



Dear Ruthie, six years, I was the mistress of a religious, "unhappily married" (or so I was led to believe) middle-aged "gentleman." When his adulterous guilt finally caused him to break down and reveal the affair, his extremely nice wife was shocked and deeply hurt.

I, the "bad" woman, was left with his adored lovechild, now to be neglected paternally. Where do I, loveless and penniless, stand in a situation of complete despair?

Abandoned by the Adulterer Somewhere in Israel

Dear Abandoned,

Participating in a love triangle is a risky business, as somebody is bound to become "odd man out." In this case, it was you. As hard as this may be to fathom, neither you

nor this man's wife were "led" astray.

Each of the three of you was acting according to an unconscious need - one which was met by this particular scenario. Tragically for you and your child, this man and his wife changed the script in mid-act. It is no wonder that you feel devastated and victimized. The painful irony, however, is that - all along - you have been most victimized by yourself. This is not to say that you are at fault in the conventional sense... just that you are human.

Acknowledging your own part in this six-year drama is a necessary emotional step for you to take, in order to recover from your loss, and to prevent you from repeating similar patterns in the future.

With regard to your financial state as a single mother, you have the law at your disposal. Though

your ex-lover cannot be forced into active fatherhood, he can be sued for child support.

Dear Ruthie, My son-in-law is tight-fisted. My daughter, who grew up with all the advantages that money can buy, is now living like a pauper. And he won't even let us help out!

My daughter pretends she doesn't mind living the way she does, counting every shekel, skimping on groceries, and even painting their apartment by herself. But how long will she be able to keep up the charade? What can my wife and I do to help?

Parent of a Pauper Netanyahu

Dear Pop,

The best way to help your daughter is to let her know you're there for her... and then let her be. Otherwise, she'll begin

turning to you in the future, for fear of being greeted with the proverbial parental "I told you so" gloat.

It is your assumption that she is "pretending" not to mind the way she lives. In fact, she may be having the time of her life. As for her husband: Perhaps he deserves credit for living within his means and for wanting to do so without assistance. Perhaps, too, his "tight-fistedness" will lead to an improvement in their financial situation.

One further point worth considering: painting one's own apartment can provide a great sense of accomplishment. Right now, your daughter may be much hungrier for such a sense than for goods which money can buy.

Dear Ruthie, I'm getting married this summer. My fiancé and I have been

arguing over what he will wear. Because of the heat - he says - he does not want a jacket and a tie. He is willing to wear a short-sleeved button-down shirt. I think this is inappropriate. Can we settle this? If so, what do you suggest?

Wedding-Wear Weary Somewhere in Israel

Dear W-W W,

One possibility is for him to wear a jacket and tie just for the ceremony and photo sessions. Another is to let him have his way and hope that he changes his mind.

A third is to sit down together and contemplate whether this dispute is literally about a jacket and a tie or possibly symbolic of "straight jacket" and "tying the knot."

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

Man with 15 wives, 54 mistresses, jailed

A man with 15 wives and 54 mistresses was jailed by a court in southern Sri Lanka after his latest wife complained that he was not faithful to her, police said on Tuesday.

"We have found eight wives so far. But he had seven other marriage certificates with names of women from distant towns, which we are checking on," said police inspector J. Hopitigala, who is investigating how many women Pavulupitiyage Gunapala, 35, married in the past five years. Police found romantic letters from 54 other women with Gunapala when he was arrested.

The unemployed Gunapala had posed as an army sergeant, and changed his name several times to woo the women, who ranged from 18 to 60 years. He told police he had been a soldier, but the military could find no record.

He usually stayed with a wife for only a few weeks or months before abandoning her after taking all her money and jewels, said Hopitigala. Gunapala was arrested after the last woman he married complained to police that he was having an affair with another woman.

Police found that he had married her after fleeing five arrest warrants by courts for polygamy in two other towns in southern and western Sri Lanka.

Magistrate Mahinda Samarawardhana last Friday remanded him until tomorrow in Rakwana town, 100 kilometers southeast of the capital, Colombo. Polygamy is illegal in Sri Lanka, a predominantly Buddhist nation. (AP)

BINGO BARIBUA

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'Weaker shekel won't impact housing market'

Dollar settles at NIS 3.25

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

HOUSING prices are not expected to rise as a result of the recent surge in the dollar, even though apartment prices are usually stated in dollars, analysts said yesterday.

The shekel settled at 3.25 to the dollar yesterday, an 0.8 percent appreciation from the previous day's all-time record of 3.284, more than 5% higher than the shekel's dollar value six weeks earlier.

Real estate experts predict apartment prices will not go up before the elections.

They said the price of a new apartment is determined in dollars for convenience.

Most construction companies price apartments in shekels and only afterwards translate those into dollars.

In the second-hand market,

apartment prices are also stated in dollars, but industry insiders say the dollar's recent appreciation is expected to have only a marginal influence on prices there as well.

Analysts said the last few months' slowdown in the used-apartment market will act as a deterrent to most sellers and prevent them from raising prices in shekels terms.

But buyers who have already signed dollar-denominated contracts to purchase apartments will be compelled to pay higher prices for the property.

In the rental market, house owners will benefit from the rise in the dollar's value since rent payments are almost always stated in dollars.

As a result, house renters will have to absorb the shekel's devaluation.

Scitex earnings drop 78% to \$3.3 million

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SCITEX Corp.'s first quarter net profits dropped 78 percent to \$3.3 million (8 cents per share) from \$17.5m. during the same period last year, the company said yesterday.

The better-than-expected results — which follow respective losses of \$36m. and \$16m. in the third and fourth quarters and an annual loss of \$24m. in 1995 — come at a time when the Herzliya-based imaging-systems specialist is battling against a hostile-takeover bid led by Israeli-American entrepreneur Davidi Gilo.

Management preferred to emphasize the company's return to profitability, including in graphic arts — its main sphere of activity.

Commenting on the results, one analyst said the decision of Scitex's major shareholders to reject Gilo's bid puts them under pressure to persuade shareholders that the changes under way in Scitex will significantly improve growth and profitability.

The company's annual general

shareholders meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

In its report, Scitex said it continued to experience strong demand for its products in the first quarter. Revenues rose 12% to \$194.5m, from \$173.2m. in the same period last year.

First quarter revenues in Europe rose 8% to \$79m, while revenues in the US increased 3% to \$79m., after a trend of year-over-year declines in the last four quarters.

Sales in Japan rose 100%, reaching \$25m. Sales in the rest of the world went up 7% to about \$16m.

Scitex president and CEO Yoav Chelouché said he believed the return to profitability demonstrates that the company's recovery strategy is on track.

"While the first quarter results are below the level we find satisfactory, they do reflect what we believe is the initial impact of the aggressive business plan we put into place at the end of last year," said Chelouché. "The increase in first-quarter revenues reflects the underlying strength of our product development and marketing programs."

Operating expenses declined in the first quarter by \$16m. from the fourth quarter of 1995, said Chelouché, "and we are beginning to achieve the highest immediate priority of our recovery plan: the revitalization of Scitex's graphic arts operations."

Scitex Digital Printing, the company's Dayton-based division that produces very-high-speed inkjet printers for variable long-run printing, had an outstanding quarter — with sales rising 50% from the first quarter last year, the company said.

However, in the digital video division, Chelouché said results for the quarter were below expectations.

Scitex's board of directors announced a cash dividend of \$0.13 per share for the first quarter of 1996.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bezeq denies it plans to issue own credit card: Bezeq yesterday denied a *Ma'ariv* story claiming it was negotiating with banks toward issuing its own credit card to compete with Visa, Isracard and other credit card companies.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said he had consulted with banks about cooperating in its experimental "smart card" used on the Bar-Ilan University campus. However, he said this card-with-a-computer-chip is aimed at making small transactions, such as buying soft drinks and newspapers and paying for phone calls and photocopying services. There is nothing to prevent Bezeq from offering its own credit card to customers, but "so far no such decision has been taken," he said.

Judy Siegel

SuperPharm plans to introduce its own brand of mineral water: this summer under the chain's private label Life. The mineral water niche market has recently become more competitive due to European imports and is currently estimated at \$30 million. Annual per capita consumption is estimated at 21 liters.

SuperPharm also carries local mineral-water brands Mei Eden and Neviot. Life mineral water will be imported from France but the chain declined to identify the supplier.

Rachel Neiman

Jordan, Egypt sign free trade accord

AMMAN (Reuters) — Jordan and Egypt signed a free trade accord yesterday to boost joint ventures in the private sector and gain market access to the world's trade blocs.

They also signed pacts on encouraging and protecting investments, preventing dual taxation and boosting joint investments in tourism as the two countries capitalize on a fast-growing sector profiting from Middle East peace accords.

"These agreements form a strong base for a qualitative leap in our economic ties in the future," said a statement issued after two days of talks by a joint committee chaired by Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti and Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri.

"The free trade agreement represents an advanced element in Arab economic ties."

The two sides have talked about a free trade accord, the first Jordan has discussed with an Arab state, for over a year.

Jordan wants to ensure it does not lose out in a liberalized world trade regime and hopes regional links can improve its negotiating stance as it moves with Egypt into full free-trade accords with the EU by 2010, officials said.

Both Jordan and Egypt, negotiating with the EU over partnership accords, see benefits in setting up joint ventures producing for trade blocs in a global economy.

The free-trade accord is provisionally set to become effective on January 1, 1997.

There will be a gradual lifting of customs tariffs over a 10-year period along General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and European Union partnership accords.

The trade and investment accords are expected to boost the present two-way annual trade, officials added. In 1995, Jordan exported 8.8 million dinars worth of goods to Egypt against 32.4 million dinars of goods Egypt exported to Jordan.

Tadiran Telecommunications reports 44% rise in net profits

COMPANY RESULTS GALIT LIPKIS BECK AND BLOOMBERG

TADIRAN Telecommunications, a subsidiary of New York Stock Exchange traded Tadiran, reported a 43.9 percent growth in first quarter net profits to \$12 million from \$8.3. in the same period last year.

Earnings per share rose to \$0.42 per share from \$0.6.

In the reported period, revenues went up to 14.5% to \$114.4m. from \$99.9m. Operating profits rose 63.5% to \$15.5m. from \$9.7m.

Tadiran Telecommunications, which manufactures a wide range of telecommunications equipment for public-network operators, business and residential customers, raised \$70m. through a global offering of five million shares at the end of March.

The company's shares are traded on Nasdaq and the London Stock Exchange's SEAQ International System.

Tadiran currently holds 80% of its subsidiary's

shares.

Nice-Systems Ltd., an Israeli manufacturer of voice recording systems, said first-quarter earnings quadrupled to nine cents a share as sales increased.

Nice-System's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange jumped 9.25% the earnings were released.

The company said net income rose to NIS 2.01 million, or nine cents a share, from NIS 538,000, or two cents a share. The results were in line with those expected by analysts surveyed by IBES International Inc. and Zacks.

"The improvement came as sales rose 83%," said Hanan Miron, the company's chief financial officer. Sales in the quarter rose to NIS 25.3m. from NIS 13.8m.

Nice-Systems makes systems which ensure information is accurately stored for financial institutions, air traffic controllers and intelligence agencies.

120 countries expected to attend Agritech '96

GREER FAY CASHMAN

AGRITECH '96, Israel's largest international exhibition, is expected to draw some 6,000 visitors from 120 countries.

Yitzhak Kiriati, director of the Israel Export Institute's Agricultural and Chemical Department, said more than 400 exhibitors are expected to participate in the exhibition, which is scheduled to open on Sunday at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

Kiriati, who was part of a team that spent the past 18 months coordinating Agritech '96, said that prior to Operation Grapes of Wrath, organizers had anticipated more than 8,000 attendees from abroad.

However, some farmers who had planned to come canceled their reservations.

Nonetheless, said Kiriati, the figures will not be lower than those at the last Agritech in 1993.

Interest generated by Agritech has a direct impact on agricultural exports, said Kiriati.

These exports — including know-how, input, fresh and processed agricultural products and chemicals used in the service of agriculture — reach an annual volume of around \$1.2 billion.

Many joint venture projects are also spawned by Agritech, said Kiriati.

Funds allocated to start part of Dan region's rail system

Jerusalem Post Staff

CONSTRUCTION of the segment of the Dan region's mass-transit rail system connecting Tel Aviv with Petah Tikva and Kfar Sava will start "immediately" following the agreement by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar to allocate NIS 100 million for that purpose, the two ministers announced yesterday.

In a meeting at the Treasury, the two agreed to spend NIS 40m. on the project from the current fiscal year's budget and an additional NIS 60m. from next year's.

The project — which will run four electrically powered trolleys each hour — should be highly economic, according to Transport Ministry data. The project includes two parallel 30-kilometer-long rails, 12 bridges, eight stations and four interchanges.

A ride from central Tel Aviv to Petah Tikva is expected to take 12 minutes, and to Kfar Sava 24. Meanwhile, the Transportation Ministry said it will issue tenders for the construction of the Tel Aviv-Bnei Brak railway within three months.

Provident funds post positive real yields

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE commercial banks' provident funds achieved average real yield of about one percent to 1.5% in April, according to the yields of four of the five largest commercial banks.

The positive yields reflect last month's rise in the bond and share markets. Provident fund managers said they hope the publication of April's real yields will lead to a lowering of the public's provident funds' redemptions, which reached NIS 700 million last month.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish fund, the largest fund in the country with assets of NIS 13.3 billion, reported a real yield of 1.1%. In the first four months of the year, the fund achieved an accumulated positive return of 0.4%.

Hapoalim's other funds — including Keren Or, Tagolim,

Compensation and Kziatzir — also achieved positive real yields in April.

Bank Discount's Tamar fund, the bank's largest fund with assets of NIS 10.99b., achieved a real yield of 1.18% in April. Since the start of the year, the fund has accumulated a negative real yield of 0.29%.

First International Bank's Meitav fund reported a real yield of 1.25% in April and an accumulated real yield of 0.85% since the start of the year. The fund manages assets of about NIS 988m.

United Mizrahi Bank's Atid fund achieved a real yield of 1.03% in April. In the first four months of the year, the fund achieved a real yield of 0.37%.

Bank Leumi is expected to publish its provident funds yields today.

Rand tumbles as De Klerk considers leaving gov't

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — The South African rand tumbled yesterday after FW De Klerk said his white-led National Party would meet next week to consider its future in the two-year-old government of national unity.

De Klerk said the historic post-apartheid constitution adopted yesterday was flawed, listing the end of power sharing, a labor relations regime skewed in favor of workers, and the rejection of the death penalty as major concerns for his party.

The rand hit a low of 4.4425/4525 against the dollar, from 4.3800/3900 on Tuesday, as investors once again took fright at perceived political instability.



A farmer in arid Inner Mongolia, where only hardy crops such as corn and maize can grow, ploughs his fields with a camel. Many farmers in the poor northwestern region of China cannot afford expensive imported and domestically produced farm machinery and rely on the region's 50,000 camels to tend their crops.

BEZEQ, The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Ltd.

Bids are invited for the supply of the following goods:

Tender no.	Description	Option	Last date for submission of bids	Cost of tender documents	Telephone for enquiries
88/96/600/0	Wooden poles - collective agreement	Additional purchase of up to 120% of initial quantity	25.6.96 at 6 p.m.	NIS 1,000	02-395428/226
04/96/038/0	Planting and installation of access cabinets for special services - collective agreement	—	25.6.96 at 6 p.m.	NIS 1,000	02-395614/615
23/96/810/0	NAMPS Telephone cell	—	25.6.96 at 6 p.m.	NIS 1,000	02-395615/625

The following general conditions apply:

- Pre-conditions:
 - Parties submitting bids must comply with all laws, including the requirement to keep account books, be an authorized trader, hold valid licenses to trade, and comply with all relevant standard specifications.
 - Willingness to provide a guarantee, as explained in the tender documents.
 - Compliance with the "minimum" conditions, given in the tender documents.
- The tender documents can be obtained from the Tenders and Ordering Department of the Purchasing Division, 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, Sunday to Thursday, (telephone numbers as listed above).

NOTE: The tender documents are only available in Hebrew.

Tender documents will be given out on presentation of a receipt certifying the payment of NIS 1,000 as follows:

 - In Israel, payment should be made into Bezeq's Postal Bank account no. 5-311757.
 - Abroad, payment should be made into Bezeq's account no. 12-901-97633/64, at the Jerusalem main branch of Bank Leumi LeIsrael.

Before receiving the tender documents, prospective bidders will be required to sign an undertaking to keep the information contained therein secret — details are obtainable by telephone (numbers as above). The fee for the tender documents is non-refundable.

The receipt, with details of your company, and authorized trader's number may be faxed to 972-2-376113. Please phone afterwards (phone numbers as above), to obtain confirmation of receipt of the fax.
- Bids should be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, not later than June 25, 1996, at 6 p.m.
- No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the entire work from one source.

Bids sent by fax or telegram will not be considered.

PRIME מְיָיִט Mutual Fund for Foreign Residents

Date: 7.5.96

Purchase Price: 108.75

Redemption Price: 107.30

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ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

TARGET OXIO Mutual Fund for Foreign Residents

Date: 7.5.96

Purchase Price: 149.05

Redemption Price: 146.87

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ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (6.5.96)

Currency (deposit for)	a MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$20,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
U.S. dollar (\$200,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
U.S. dollar (\$500,000)	4.825	4.750	5.250
U.S. dollar (\$1 million)	4.825	4.750	5.250

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (6.5.96)

Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rate*
U.S. dollar	3.2495	3.2505	3.19	3.20	3.5520
U.S. dollar	3.2495	3.2505	3.19	3.20	3.5520
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U.S. dollar	3.2495	3.2505	3.19	3.20	3.5520
U.S. dollar	3.2495	3.2505	3.19	3.20	3.5520

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates
US dollar ... NIS 3.2570 -0.02%
Sterling ... NIS 4.9272 -0.57%
Mark ... NIS 2.1362 -0.80%

NEW STOCK MARKETS
New York market indexes
Dow Jones Industrial Average 4937.42 +2.75
S&P 500 100.00 +0.15

Other stock market indexes
FTSE 100 2727.20 +1.17
Nikkei 225 14123.00 +1.18

Israeli stocks in NY
NYSE/AMEX
Tel Aviv 110.00 +0.25
Bank Leumi 110.00 +0.15

LIBOR RATES
Dollar 3 months 5.50
Dollar 6 months 5.75
Dollar 12 months 6.00

Foreign financial data courtesy of
CommStock Trading Ltd.
Futures, Options, Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds

US commodities
Cocoa (May) 1380 +0.25
Coffee (May) 130 +0.25
Wheat (May) 600 +0.10

London commodities
Cocoa (May) 1472 +0.25
Coffee (May) 130 +0.25
Wheat (May) 600 +0.10

Spot market metals (US)
Copper 34.25 +0.05
Zinc 1.45 +0.02
Nickel 1.45 +0.02

New York metal futures
Gold (May) 380.00 +0.08
Silver (May) 5.24 +0.02
Platinum (May) 135.70 +0.10

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-Sided trading
Commercial Banks
Bank Leumi 110.00 +0.25
Bank Hapoalim 110.00 +0.15
Bank Mizrahi 110.00 +0.10

Stronger shekel lowers stocks

STOCKS fell yesterday as the shekel strengthened against the dollar, dampening optimism that a weakening currency would add to exporters' profits.

The Two-Sided Index fell 1.36 percent to 201.56 and the Maof Index dropped 1.34% to 212.05. Of 993 issues trading across the exchange, 18 shares fell for every five that rose.

Some NIS93 million worth of shares traded, unchanged from Tuesday's level and about NIS 20m. above last month's average trading level.

Investors are worried about a weakening dollar, said Eli Navim, head of trading at Tel Aviv firm Zannex Securities Ltd.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK
Alcoa 47.25 +0.25
Ariston 27.00 +0.25
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European bourses slide on early Wall St. fall

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON, May 8 (Reuters) - European stock markets turned sour yesterday as Wall Street tumbled on worries about rising bond yields and the dollar struggled to stay afloat.

The Dow Jones Average fell 50 points in the first hour of New York trading, triggering trading curbs. After pausing briefly, the Dow then turned even lower and was off more than 70 points, or 1.4 percent, by the time European bourses closed.

Dow rebounds from losses

WALL STREET ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks snapped back from steep losses yesterday afternoon as bonds rallied and interest rates fell after a surprisingly strong auction of new US Treasury debt.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average, down more than 78 at one point and trading below 5,400 for the first time since early February, surged into positive territory by mid-afternoon. The barometer of 30 big US companies added 33.11 points to close at 5,474.06.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

MARK STERLING YEN SFR FF
STERLING 2.310818
YEN 160.5143
SFR 1.880625
FF 7.818956

National youth side falls to France

ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL'S youth (under-16) soccer side lost to a more powerful and skillful French side at the European Championship semifinals in Austria yesterday.

The Israelis, who made local sporting history by becoming the first side from this country to reach the semifinal stage of a major soccer competition, lost 1-0 to their French opponents at Wiener Neustadt near Vienna.

The French, who have not conceded a goal throughout the entire tournament, managed to survive a few relatively tame efforts by the Israelis. The French scored through a defensive blunder in the 52nd minute, which allowed Roland Viera through to roll the ball past a helpless Avi Elbaz in goal.

The French domination was almost complete throughout the contest, although the Israelis picked up the pace a little after conceding the goal and almost managed to level the score through star midfielder Yossi Ben-Ayoun just one minute later.

Much of Israel's good efforts were at the back, where captain Tal Chen marshaled the defense from his role as sweeper with great authority. Elbaz also did well to keep the French wolf from the door.

"We are very proud of our efforts," coach Benny Tabak said after the match. "We put on a very creditable performance (in the tournament). There is no doubt we have managed to put Israel on the European map."

Israel will now play Greece for third place on Saturday, while France will meet Portugal in the final later the same day.



VALIANT EFFORT - France's Clement Vigier (left) battles for the ball with Israel's star player, Yossi Ben-Ayoun, in yesterday's under-16 European Championship semifinal match in Wiener Neustadt, Austria. France beat Israel 1-0 and will meet Portugal in Saturday's final. (AP)

PSG wins European Cup Winners Cup

BRUSSELS (AP) - Led by midfield mastermind Yossi Djkorkaef, Paris Saint Germain beat Rapid Vienna 1-0 yesterday to win the European Cup Winners Cup, capping four years of steady progress with its first European trophy.

PSG dominated much of the match with technical flair and stopped the underdog run of Rapid Vienna with a hermetic defense and touches of brilliance up-front.

In the 29th minute, Bruno Ngotty converted PSG's dominance into a vital goal. The defender was fed a freekick assist from Yossi Djkorkaef and unleashed a scorching 35-meter (yard) drive that finished in the right-hand corner beyond the reach of goalie Michael

Konsel. PSG never looked back.

Following a disastrous run that quashed its French league title hopes over the past month, the silver trophy nevertheless confirmed PSG as one of the best teams of the 1990s, reaching the semifinals of a UEFA competition in the last four years.

For Rapid, which had built its cup challenge on grit and determination, the final was clearly one step too far.

Vienna came closest in the final minute when Bulgarian defender Trifon Ivanov in a desperation move pushed upfield and scrambled in last-minute header which forced a great

save from French international goalie Bernard Lama.

Too little, too late.

PSG imposed its rhythm from the start, showing no hangover from a disastrous run that ended its French league hopes over the past month.

It was all the more impressive since the French team had to change its tactical plans when Rai was taken off with an injured left ankle in the 14th minute.

Instead, Djkorkaef became the maestro, spreading passes with pinpoint precision and breaking the Vienna defense open with subtle touches.

Pippen takes control as Bulls down Knicks

CHICAGO (AP) - Scottie Pippen discovered his shooting touch just in time for the Chicago Bulls.

Pippen, just 3-for-16 through the first three quarters, made his first four shots in the final period as the Bulls broke open a close game and beat the New York Knicks 91-80 Tuesday night for a 2-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Michael Jordan, who finished with 28 points, carried the Bulls for the first three quarters as Chicago struggled against New York's aggressive defense.

Then Pippen, just 4-of-15 in Game 1, found the range. He hit a jumper, a 3-pointer and then a dunk to cap a 12-0 spurt that put the Bulls up 76-63 with about seven minutes left. Pippen finished with 19 points.

"We made some big plays down the stretch," Jordan said. "Our defense held them ... and we made some big baskets, especially Scottie."

New York's frustration began to surface right after the Bulls took control.

Patrick Ewing charged toward Chicago assistant coach Jim Cleamons, who said something to Ewing from the Bulls bench. Referee Jess Kersey restrained Ewing and a double technical was assessed. There were five technicals called in the final period.

Ewing started quickly for the Knicks but once again faded in the fourth quarter. He had two points in the final period of Game 1, and scored only one in the last quarter Tuesday night to finish with 23 points.

Games 3 and 4 in the best-of-7 series are Saturday and Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Dennis Rodman had 19 rebounds for Chicago.

The 12-0 spurt was part of a 24-6 run in which the Bulls were 10-of-14 from the field. During the stretch, the Knicks missed all four

of their shots, committed five turnovers and went more than seven minutes and 30 seconds without a field goal.

The Bulls again shut down John Starks, holding the Knicks' long-range shooter to 2-for-5 from the field and 12 points. Starks missed all nine of his field goal attempts in Game 1 and scored only four points.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Poll: Best was the best

George Best was named as the greatest British soccer player of all time yesterday following a public poll to mark the start of the build-up to the European championship.

Best, who played 31 times for Northern Ireland, pipped England's Stanley Matthews for the honor with Bobby Charlton, Best's former Manchester United team-mate, coming third.

Butler stricken with throat cancer

Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Brett Butler has throat cancer and may not play again.

Butler, 38, had a tonsillectomy in Atlanta, and a cancerous tumor the size of a plum was found, the club said Tuesday.

He will have surgery May 21 to remove lymph nodes and will require radiation therapy. The survival rate for his type of cancer is 70 percent, doctors said.

"We're very, very stricken with the news," said Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, who broke the news to his team before a 3-2, 12-inning loss to the Cincinnati Reds. "We can only hope he can get over this thing and live a healthy life."

"He'll do what he can. He's a very strong guy. He's been through this years before and he's a real hardy guy."

Butler is at least the eighth center fielder to be stricken with throat cancer in recent years. Other players to die of throat cancer include Dan Pappas, Jerry Dyke, Dan Dierker and Danny Bautista, who also developed the disease.

Also on Thursday, it was announced that New York Yankees ace David Cone, among the most durable starting pitchers of the last decade, will undergo heart surgery by a specialist in Los Angeles.

The Yankees will await additional medical opinions as to treatment before speculating on how long the star right-hander will be out of action.

Hadad loses close match to Hernandez at Eisenberg Open

AMIR Hadad, 18 years old, came within a hair's breadth of winning his second round match of the \$50,000 Eisenberg Jerusalem Open yesterday.

A heavy silence fell over the court as Hadad, who had saved three match points and squandered one of his own, eventually succumbed to Mexico's Alejandro Hernandez 6-3, 2-6, 7-(8)/6.

Hernandez is the fifth seed in the tournament and ranked 151 in the world against Hadad's 576.

Hadad began restlessly and lapsed into unforced errors but was returned in the second set, producing splendid drives from the baseline, breaking Hernandez's serve twice.

The final set was exquisitely poised with the advantage dangling between the two players as

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Hernandez's potent serves were set against Hadad's cunning cross-court strokes.

Hadad marched to a 4-1 lead in the tiebreak but Hernandez charged back to level and finally snap the match out of Hadad's grasp.

While Hadad was keenly disappointed after the game, he gained kudos for a gritty, mature performance against a much higher-ranked player.

Ofer Sela was yesterday's other Israeli casualty, losing 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 to second seed Leander Paes from India.

Paes broke Sela's serve in the first game but the Israeli upped his standard, chipping the ball at the net and keeping his backhand passes low.

Paes, obviously the superior

player, hung on to win the match.

Nir Weigreen is the last Israeli in the tournament and faces Grant Stafford from South Africa in today's remaining second round matches.

In other results yesterday, Wayne Black from Zimbabwe delivered his furious forehands en route to beating Oscar Ortiz from Mexico, 6-1, 6-4.

South Africa's Kevin Ullyett and Chris Haggard beat Lars Jonsson from Sweden and Austria's Peter Tramacchi respectively. Ullyett won 6-2, 6-0 and Haggard's winning score was 6-3, 6-6, 6-4.

Nicola Pietrangeli from Italy stopped Irish qualifier Owen Casey, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles play, Eyal Ran and Noam Behr beat Scott Humphries and Lior Mor 7-5, 6-3.

Play resumes today at 1 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL - TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Florida 3, New York 2; San Diego at Pittsburgh (opt., rain), Montreal 8, Chicago 3; Houston 7, Philadelphia 5; Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2 (12); Atlanta 6, Colorado 5 (10); San Francisco 4, St. Louis 2.

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Oakland 8, Cleveland 4; New York 12, Detroit 5; Boston 4, Milwaukee 2; Chicago 3, Baltimore 2; Texas 5, Toronto 1; Kansas City 5, California 3; Minnesota 2, Seattle 0.

LOCAL CRICKET: Yersham 18/06 (M. Talker 33 J. Dvirer 30) beat Lions Lod 178 (J. Tal 38 S. Worell 34/6). Ashdod A 107/4 beat Lod 106 (G. Waskar 3/22 H. Awaskar 3/26) Tel Aviv 68/3 (J. Wiznia 35 VE. Worell 5/24 A.P. Moss 4/19).

Lemieux, Penguins bound past Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) - The Pittsburgh Penguins, with Mario Lemieux once again leading the way, rebounded from their worst game of the playoffs with one of their best periods en route to a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Lemieux, the NHL's leading scorer, had called Pittsburgh's 6-3 loss to New York on Sunday the worst game the Penguins had played in several weeks.

Tuesday night, the Penguins seemed determined to make up for it. They took a 3-0 lead in the first period with Lemieux scoring twice.

The bounces in the first 20 minutes were all with the Penguins, who got a fluke goal when a shot bounced off Lemieux's helmet.

That three-goal lead was enough for them to withstand a brief flurry by the Rangers in the second period and give them a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Game 4 is tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Flyers 3, Panthers 1

Eric Lindros responded to derogatory remarks and posters from Florida fans by scoring the game-winning goal for the second consecutive game for Philadelphia.

The loss in the best-of-7 Eastern

Conference semifinals gave the Flyers a 2-1 lead and was Florida's first home loss during the playoffs. Game 4 is tonight in Miami.

Dan Quinn also scored a goal and assisted on another goal and Trent Klatt had his fourth goal of the playoffs for Philadelphia.

Lindros - blasted as a cheap shot artist in the South Florida media for his hits on Florida players in Game 2 - scored what turned out to be the deciding goal of a rebound near the goal line.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Pittsburgh 3 0 0-3
N.Y. Rangers 0 2 0-2
First Period-1: Pittsburgh, Lemieux 5
Second Period-3: Pittsburgh, Lemieux 3 (Bauer, Smolinski), 10:18. 3
Pittsburgh, Lindros 2 (Ray, Wilkerson), 15:25.
Third Period-4: New York, Croteau 1 (Lowe), 5:02. 5
New York, Pittsburgh 3 (Lemieux, Smolinski), 3:30.
Third Period-None.
Shoot-out goal-Pittsburgh 20-6-0-2. New York 14-10-0-3.
Goalies-Pittsburgh: Whregel, New York, Rickie. A-18,200 (18,200).

Philadelphia 2 0 1-3
Florida 0 1 0-1
First Period-1: Philadelphia, Quinn 1 (Evenden, O'Leary), 12:13.
Second Period-3: Philadelphia, Lindros 5 (Lacaille, Davidson), 7:13 (opt.).
Third Period-4: Philadelphia, Klatt 4 (Quinn, Brodeur), 4:14.
Shoot-out goal-Philadelphia 17-6-9-34. Florida 2-9-14-21.
Goalies-Philadelphia: Hestler, Florida, Vanbesouze. A-14,703 (14,500).

Double honors for Katz

THE LOCAL SCENE
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YUVAL Katz, Hawaii University's Israeli volleyball player, did not stop at being named as Player of the Year in the American college league; this week he also clinched the title of the most outstanding player of the Final Four tournament.

Although Hawaii lost 3-2 to UCLA in the three-and-a-half final, Katz can definitely feel proud of his personal record.

Closer to home, Hapoel Beit Shean's men's team won the Stage Cup, beating Hapoel Yehud while Ra'anana's women overcame Hapoel Petah Tikva to take the honors.

Lanky finishes first
Runner Edna Lanky took first place in the 800 meters event at a meet held in Remes, France this week.

Lanky, 29 years old, clocked 2:08.86 minutes in her first race over this distance this season. This time should stand her in good stead for next month's 60th Israel Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef.

Rowing to gold
Local kayakers rowed to six gold medals at a tournament in Mechelen, Belgium, competing against 400 entrants from 28

countries.

Olympic hopeful Lior Carmi just failed to make the final but gold went to Rami Tsaur and Michael Klegorin in the 200 meters and to Ila Kaminsky and Alan Shimahi in the 500m youth class while Adi Gafni won both the 500m girls and then cracked the 500m doubles race with her Belgian partner.

Sixth place in Atlanta
The national women's fencing team held a dress rehearsal at the Olympic venue in Atlanta, ending sixth in the World Cup group tournament.

Clean machines
And the results are... clean! Olympic athletes Oren Smadja, Yael Arad, Yoav Bruck, Eilat Yaron, Guy Fogel, Ariel Ze'evi, Constantin Matsevich, Constantin Simyonev and Lior Carmi all came out spotless after undergoing surprise drug tests.

The negative results which returned from Germany this week can only be positive for the athletes.

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Ex-IDF, police officer admits to wiretapping

FORMER IDF and police officer Ya'acov Bak, 58, charged with illegal wiretapping on behalf of former Yediot Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi and news editor Rnth Beo-Ari, confessed in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday as part of a plea bargain.

In return for testifying against Vardi and Beo-Ari, charged on three counts of wiretapping, Bak will be given a 12-month prison sentence. Ten months of the sentence will be served concurrently with a nine-year term he recently received for conspiring to murder three members of the Russian Mafia here.

Vardi and Beo-Ari are suspected of ordering a tap on the phone of former Yediot Aharonot editor-in-chief Dov Yudkovsky after he moved to Ma'ariv. According to the charges, Bak transferred tapes frequently to Vardi and Beo-Ari.

Lawyer Moshe Aloni said his client had dedicated his life to the

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security services and summoned a series of senior IDF officers as character witnesses.

"My client sincerely regrets his involvement in this affair and is confessing because he wishes to wipe the slate clean and to start again after his prison sentence," said Aloni.

The trial of his co-defendant, former private investigator Amir Ben-Asher, 46, (also on trial for the Russian Mafia murder conspiracy) was postponed.

Bak also pleaded guilty to passing on to Vardi an illegally recorded cellular phone conversation between Ma'ariv and Yediot publishers Ofer Nimrod and Nomi Mozes, at the beginning of 1993.

The huggings were carried out by private investigators Rafi Friedan, Ya'acov Tsur (who turned state's witness against Nimrod in the media wiretapping case) and

Honi Mizaki

The case involving Vardi and Beo-Ari surfaced when Friedan (charged with Mizaki on around 50 counts of wiretapping) said in court around two years ago that he had proof that Vardi commissioned bugging on Yudkovsky's phone. Friedan and Tsur used an ECI manufactured sophisticated machine for tapping cellular phones, given to them in exchange for tapping phones on behalf of ECI.

According to charges against Bak and Ben-Asher, the pair also tried to tap the phone of Yediot graphic artist Orit Lipshitz, but were unsuccessful because of "technical difficulties."

In the trial against Vardi and Beo-Ari due to open on May 30, both Ben-Asher and Bak will testify for the prosecution. Vardi was forced to resign his post at Yediot shortly after he was charged in February.



Michal Halevy, the 19-year-old soldier whose life hung by a thread for weeks after the first No. 18 bus blast on February 25, celebrates as she prepares to leave the intensive care unit at Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday. The hospital held a party for her and her family, attended by Reuma Weizman who gave her a silver necklace. Halevy, who hopes to dance at her sister's wedding at the end of July, was described by Dr. Moshe Hersch, head of the hospital's intensive care unit, as "the most seriously injured patient I had ever seen." She arrived at Shaare Zedek without blood pressure and almost unable to breathe and was unconscious for a month. Doctors say she will fully recover.

(Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Brian Reader)

WEATHER

Haifa	18-25
Tiberias	20-34
Afula	20-32
Samartha	20-29
Tel Aviv	20-29
Jerusalem	20-29
Beer Sheva	20-32
Dead Sea	20-34
Eilat	22-35

Forecast: Fog along the coast during the morning. Partly cloudy, decline in temperatures.

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American	20	28	clear
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Brussels	10	15	cloudy
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Manila	26	32	partly cloudy
Paris	12	18	cloudy
Seoul	15	22	clear
Tokyo	15	22	clear
Washington	15	22	clear
Yokohama	15	22	clear

Isracard cancels 50 'Internet' credit cards

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ISRACARD canceled nearly 50 Visa Gold credit cards, issued by Bank Hapoalim, yesterday after the company discovered that a ring of criminals abroad was using information obtained through the Internet to defraud the company and its clients.

The cardholders purchased products via the Internet and the criminals abroad used the Internet to get details on the cards and also purchased products.

The scam was discovered by Isracard's security division during a routine examination, but only a few card numbers had been used by the ring.

The scam was disclosed by Army Radio yesterday morning. Financial damage, to be paid

by the company, was termed "not serious," but no figures were available.

Isracard is now conducting an internal investigation and has out filed a complaint with police here. Fraud Squad sources said that since the computer crimes were committed by hackers abroad, Isracard is not obliged to report them to police.

To be on the safe side, Isracard canceled a series of Visa Gold cards yesterday, apparently from the same numerical series, and issued the cardholders new account numbers.

Company managing director Haim Grupsky recommended that clients stop making purchases over the Internet.

Another Meshulam follower transferred

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In an effort to put an end to the 10-day hunger strike by Uzi Meshulam and his followers and to crack down on sporadic rioting by the group, the Prisons Service yesterday transferred another group member from Ramle's Ayalon Prison.

Natao Shifrits, considered a hard-core member Meshulam's group, was moved to Damon Prison. So far this week, five of Meshulam's supporters have been transferred. The rest of the group, including Meshulam, is still in solitary confinement.

It is not absolutely clear if the group is on full hunger strike, since authorities found powdered food and vitamin supplements in their cells, before they were put into solitary confinement on Sunday.

No Jewish prisoner has ever died from a hunger strike in an Israeli jail, but court orders to force feed prisoners are considered unusual. Some three weeks ago, a judge issued an order to force-feed one of Meshulam's followers, since his life was in danger. But the man began eating before the order was implemented.

The Prisons Service is currently preparing requests for court orders to force-feed the hunger strikers, if necessary. They are being examined daily by doctors.

Meanwhile, police have recommended indicting several of Meshulam's supporters for rioting or distributing seditious material, mainly against Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal.

Ravivo, Turgeman also grilled on illegal betting

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MACCABI Haifa star-soccer player Haim Ravivo was questioned under caution by the National Crimes Squad for four hours yesterday in connection with the illegal sports betting affair.

On his entrance to NCS headquarters in Petah Tikva he said that like many of his colleagues, he had heard rumors of betting on sports events.

"I am pleased that the authorities are finally doing something about it," he said. He added that he just wanted to help investigators.

Hapoel Jerusalem basketball player Shalom "Papi" Turgeman was also questioned for around an hour yesterday. He told reporters that he was sure that none of his teammates had wagered on games, and emphatically

denied that he himself had bet.

Since the interrogations began nearly two weeks ago, some players and coaches questioned have denied all connection to direct betting. "I was summoned here to find out about others who may be involved," was an answer given by most of the sportsmen.

Others, however, admitted to having bet sums of money, but the all vehemently denied fixing games.

According to sources, the only indictments likely to be filed will be against four suspects initially arrested nearly two weeks ago. They allegedly organized the whole betting operation.

Since there is still no evidence that sports

events were fixed, the only indictment which could be filed against players is for illegal betting, a misdemeanor. Sources said that it is hard to believe that such indictments would be filed, "unless we feel that someone should be made an example of," especially since gamblers in casinos are not usually charged, either.

Shoni Gavrieli, a businessman arrested when the case surfaced, was questioned again yesterday. Gavrieli is known for his connection with gambling, but his lawyer said that he is only involved in legal gambling abroad. He and his brother own a travel agency which specializes in sending Israeli gamblers to casinos abroad, including Turkey and Hungary. Many casinos in these countries are partly owned or run by Israelis.

Winning cards

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Ashdod, Haifa oil workers strike over pension changes

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MORE than 1,500 workers at the oil refineries in Haifa and Ashdod went on strike yesterday to protest changes in calculating pensions.

The workers closed the gates to the two giant plants and did not allow out any petroleum products, after talks which lasted until the early hours of yesterday morning failed to break the deadlock.

Works committee officials said they had stopped the flow of petroleum to the petrol companies and to factories, including heavy fuel oil to the Israel Electric Corporation, and no tankers were allowed out.

The flow of raw materials, particularly ethylene, to the petrochemical industries, which rely on constant supplies, was not affected.

The strike was not expected to have an immediate effect on consumers because the IEC and the petrol companies have enough stock for now to keep the oil-fired power stations going and the gas pumps full.

The works committee officials stressed, however, that they intended to continue their action until the pension issue is resolved.

They are demanding that pensions be calculated according to salaries in the three years before retirement and not the average based on payments into pension funds over the years.

Med students hold strike to protest internships selection

JUDY SIEGEL

SIXTH-year medical students around the country have launched a strike and are planning demonstrations due to decisions affecting their distribution among hospitals as interns and tests they must undergo after graduation.

The students, at the Hebrew University-Hadassah, Technion, Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University medical schools said yesterday that they objected to a number of decisions taken by the deans of the four schools and the national internship committee.

The students say that the decision whereby those with the highest grades will be accepted at internships in the hospitals of their choice instead of in a lottery will mean that weaker students will be sent to development towns and outlying areas, while big city hospitals will get the best students.

They also object to the pre-internship test and the fact that the dates for starting internships come only once in four months, causing them to be unemployed for a relatively long period.

Prof. Avinoam Reches, deputy dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and speaking on behalf of dean Prof. Oded Abramsky, said it was only fair to hold an exam for graduates, as new immigrants who studied medicine abroad also had to take a separate test. He added that starting internship on one of three dates a year was not unusual in the West.

As for the changes in the lottery, Reches said the deans felt it would provide an important incentive to do well.

'Rabin death raised interest in Judaism'

THE assassination of Yitzhak Rabin has paradoxically led to a heightened interest in Judaism, Minister Without Portfolio Yehuda Amital told Bar-Ilan University law students yesterday.

Amital said his only explanation for this is that the trauma of the assassination has left many people with the feeling that the only way they can help narrow the gap between religious and secular Israelis is by strengthening their own Jewish identity.

Assassin Yigal Amir studied law at Bar-Ilan, and one of the law students told Amital he is having trouble living with the stigma that all those who wear kippot and study at Bar-Ilan are extremists.

"The way to fight this," Amital said, "is first of all not to return hate with hate, but rather to further all opportunities for dialogue between the religious and the non-religious."

Herb Keiron

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